

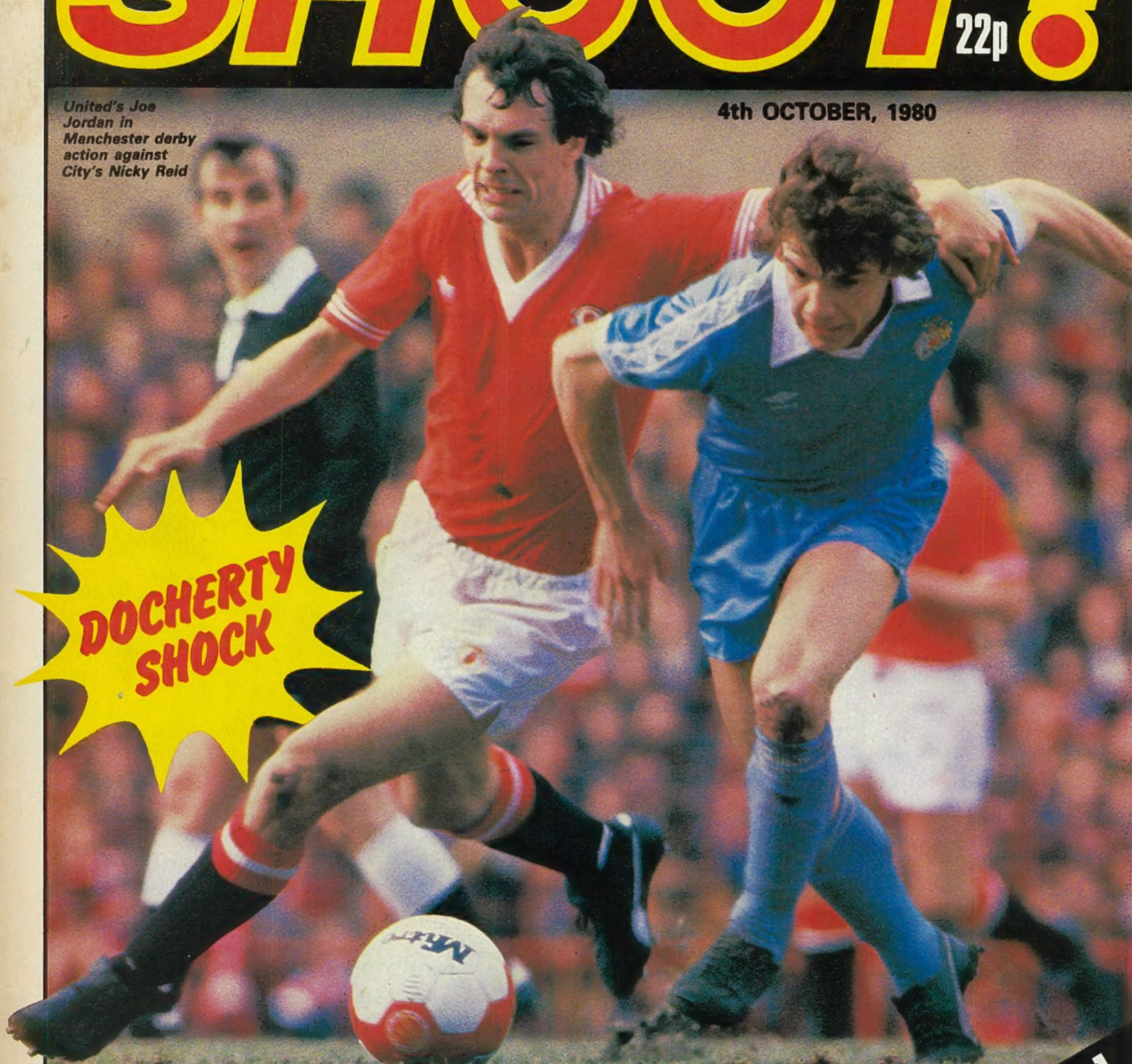
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UNITED v CITY

Gordon McQueen on the Big Match

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SHOOT! view!

"TEN or maybe 20 young men were putting the boot in as he lay on the ground.

"They were taking it in turns to batter the poor boy. It was horrible to watch. They were just like animals. It was sickening and frightening. I was afraid to go out because the same thing might have happened to me.

"They just didn't seem to care what they were doing to him. He lay still when they had finished with him..."

A woman's chilling eye-witness account of the savage beating of 17-year-old Craig French before he died in hospital the following day from injuries received in the street attack after the First Division game between Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest.

Less than two hours before that incident in another region in the North, Jack Charlton wept openly after one of the ugliest crowd scenes ever witnessed on an English football ground.

Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday, had gone out to try to calm a mob across the terraces during Wednesday's game at Oldham. He left the pitch clutching his head after being hit by a missile.

Meanwhile, in London police made more than 50 arrests at the Chelsea v West Ham game after violence erupted on the terraces at Stamford Bridge.

This Saturday, September 27 Manchester United face Manchester City at Old Trafford. The football world will be praying that rival fans behave themselves.

SHOOT said in its issue of July 5: "It is fairly obvious that League clubs have not been tough enough on the hooligans. They have not shown enough concern.

"It is sheer folly to spend £1 million on a player if a club has a hooligan problem. Better for them to invest in a cure for terrace violence."

We make no apologies for repeating that statement, nor do we make excuses for again imploring League clubs to:— 1. Issue all supporters with identity discs, bearing photograph, name and signature. Cards withdrawn for bad behaviour and no admittance home or away; 2. Government to increase complement of railway police to shepherd fans to away matches by train; 3. Alcohol to be banned from all grounds. Police on turnstiles to turn away fans suspected of being drunk on arrival; 4. Fans to be sectioned-off in smaller groups on terraces under stricter control of patrolling police; 5. Major clubs to consider all-seat stadiums. Fans rarely fight when seated.

If clubs still need convincing that the most urgent action is necessary to restore sanity to football, perhaps their officials should spend an hour or two with the family of the late Craig French.

Everyone associated with the running of football in this country should share some of the blame for Craig's death.

Act now, or the next time the corpse will be that of a manager or player.

IT'S DERBY DAY IN MANCHESTER...UNITED v CITY

McQueen and Kevin Reeves clash in last season's derby game at Old Trafford.

MY SOCCER
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'I'm a Big Mal fan'

THIS Saturday (September 27th) sees the 101st League battle of the two Manchester giants, a fixture most fans in the area regard as the biggest occasion of the season.

Although I've yet to play on a losing side in this most glamorous of local derbies I'm afraid I don't share their fervour or enthusiasm. This is just another First Division match as far as I'm concerned.

You've really got to have been born or bred here, or have lived in Manchester for years, to get passionately involved.

Obviously it's always a big game, with capacity crowds, and provides the occasional shock result, like City's 2-0 victory at Maine Road last season.

United were second in the First Division at the time and City in 18th place. We were odds on to at least go home with a point, but City swept us aside. I didn't play because of injury.

Unfortunately these major sporting events

have lacked some atmosphere over the past few years because of City's problems and lack of success.

Both clubs need to be going well to make the match extra special. The big names are also missing.

During the days of Denis Law, George Best, Bobby Charlton and Colin Bell these derbies must have been incredible affairs.

There's still a gradual build up of tension and excitement in the city the week before the match, but not as much as previous years.

Our manager Dave Sexton also plays the fixture down. He refuses to get drawn into verbal battles with City's flamboyant chief coach Malcolm Allison beforehand. This takes some of the steam out of the game.

As you know, Big Mal's days at Maine Road might be numbered, so this Saturday's match could be of special significance to him.

A good result against United could give City



some of the confidence they lack and so keep Mal in a job. I certainly hope so, because this guy is good for the game.

Big Mal is a character, an extrovert the fans love, a larger than life man who is always good for a few headlines. He's the Muhammad Ali of soccer.

He's also a tremendous coach who believes in exciting the public.

Although he sold many of the established City stars when he arrived at Maine Road, his present staff speak highly of him and his methods. Only time will tell if those methods are the right ones to bring success to a club where it's so badly needed.

Big Mal and Dave Sexton are great buddies, from their days together at West Ham. While my boss can shout as loud as Mal in training, and be as tough a disciplinarian as anybody in the game, he's totally different in character.

Mr Sexton is careful what he says in public. He's more dignified in his approach.

The one thing he has in common with Allison is his coaching ability and ideas on the game. Both are head over heels in love with football. I doubt if Big Mal could have survived the setbacks he's had over the past couple of seasons if he wasn't.

My great mate at City was Willie Donachie. Now he's gone I've no special friends at the club, but I see their lads quite a bit about the town, or at charity functions.

In fact, I'm playing golf in a special celebrity match for Tommy Booth, who is having his testimonial year.

Shadow

I would like Manchester City to be successful. Not only would that be good for the game in general, but would act as a spur to United. In the same way as Everton continually strive to step out from the Liverpool shadow . . . and Spurs hate to be topped by Arsenal.

A few weeks ago I made my first visit to Maine Road as a spectator and watched City draw 1-1 with Arsenal.

They attacked a lot and with a bit more luck could have won by three or four goals. Yes, they were that good. So were the fans who made me feel very welcome.

If City could string a few wins together, gain a little confidence and strengthen one or two positions, they'd have the look of a side capable of doing well.

Steve Mackenzie impressed me a great deal. Against Arsenal, City's striker looked a brilliant prospect. For someone so young he's got incredible ability and confidence.

He wants to take control, demanding the ball from more experienced team-mates, and able to use it to good advantage when he's got it.

Tommy Caton, my City counterpart, has tremendous defensive qualities, especially in the air. Unfortunately against Arsenal his distribution wasn't as good as it should have been. But he made up for that weakness by always trying to play football even in tight situations. Caton can hit a ball with tremendous venom, so he's always dangerous when taking free-kicks.

If Man. City start to do well, then their fans could well see a future England centre-half emerge in Caton.

Steve Daley was having a bad game against Arsenal, yet for me he was one of the game's stars. Nothing was going right for the man labelled a £1 million flop, but he never stopped working or battling away.

Not once did Daley attempt to hide. That is the mark of a real quality player. He's no flop in my eyes. There would be a place in my team for Steve.

I'd also like to give Tommy Booth a mention. What a fine servant to City this man has been. Tommy's never hit the dizzy heights, or grabbed many headlines, yet he's hardly ever played a bad game.

So consistent, so dependable, Tommy is one of the best stoppers in the air in the game. Another fact he's never been given credit for.

If City play as well at Old Trafford this Saturday as they did against The Gunners they could pose United a few problems.

Dave Sexton's biggest headache at the moment is injuries. As you know I had hoped to be fully fit by now, but doubt I'll make it for the derby.

Unless we really are struggling to get a team together I'll probably get a few more reserve team outings under my belt before making my big comeback.

With, or without me, I obviously believe United will win, as we did last season at Old Trafford thanks to a Mickey Thomas goal. Apart from that it was an uneventful game.

Before I close . . . an appeal. I've never experienced any crowd violence in this fixture. Let's keep it that way. It's vital City and United fans maintain their fine record for this event.

Go along, enjoy yourselves and help to bring back some sanity to the game before it's too late. The fans can make the 101st a derby to remember.

Lyons McCrean



our trump card' STEVE DALEY

WE'VE got something of a score to settle at Old Trafford this week. The last time we were there, we lost to a single goal when we were all convinced we should have done the double over United.

It might sound a bit biased, but I honestly believe most people thought we would win that Old Trafford game last season.

We'd beaten United 2-0 at Maine Road, and what a start that was for me in terms of Manchester derby games. But the one which really disappointed us was that defeat of Old Trafford.

We created more chances than United, played far above our form and ridiculed the League table placings. There was never 16 places between us that day.

We lost and it was our turn to experience the bitter feeling of defeat in a derby game in Manchester. I can tell you, it's not a pleasant feeling!

I'd played in lots of Midlands derby games, for Wolves, before I joined Manchester City.

When I played my first derby game in Manchester, I quickly realised I was a novice at these matches. The atmosphere at Maine Road was something else.

Bomb Dropped

I never realised there was so much at stake in a single game. People talked of little else for the two weeks prior to the game and the talk for a week after, was the match.

I think a bomb could have dropped in Manchester and it would have only made a paragraph on an inside page of the local paper!

City's record at Old Trafford has been awful in the past five years. They've lost four and drawn one of those games . . . hardly a record to breed confidence.

Yet our recent form suggests to me that United aren't going to have an easy ride this time, and that poor run could come to an end.

We all believe we can win over at Old Trafford. We've got a great incentive when we think back to the disappointment there last season.

If you haven't got a midweek match following a Manchester derby, it's terrible; you tend to mope and think about your defeat throughout the following week. It's best to have another game quickly to forget all about it.

But if you win, the elation lasts for weeks. It's a wonderful feeling; one I can't really say I've bettered in my football career.

Walking out for that first derby game, I felt I was at Wembley. Really, the atmosphere was electric; every bit as moving as playing in front of a 100,000 crowd at Wembley.

I'm sure that playing at home means little in a derby game in Manchester. There were 50,000 at Maine Road last season for the United match, 56,000 at Old Trafford for the return.

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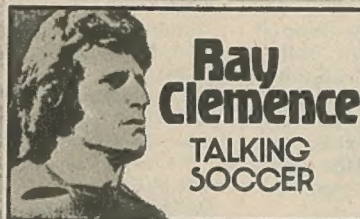
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'Those four

WHEN England complete their eight-match programme, we may look back and thank our lucky stars we beat Norway 4-0 at the start of our bid to qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

We've never forgotten the bitter experience of tying on points with Italy at the end of the qualifying games for the 1978 tournament, only for the Italians to be handed the tickets to Argentina because of superior goal-difference.

The outcome would have been different if only we'd beaten Finland, an inferior team to Norway, by more than 2-1 at Wembley in October, 1976.

Italy had hit them for six goals in their equivalent game at home.

So those four goals against the Norwegians on September 10 could well turn out to be golden ones for us.

And I can't see any of the other teams in our group — Rumania, Hungary or Switzerland — inflicting as big a defeat on a Scandinavian side with a great deal of confidence and ability.

So many people regarded the result as a foregone conclusion, an easy win for England, conveniently forgetting the Norwegians came to Wembley with three creditable results behind them: a 6-1 win over Finland, a 1-0 win over Bulgaria and a 2-1 win over Sweden.

We didn't underestimate them, though. We knew they'd be a handful.

Not all of their team are part-timers, several are professionals with top-ranking Continental clubs, such as Feyenoord and Bayern Munich. However, they could not field their captain, reputed to be their best player.

But England were also not at full-strength. We were without Kevin Keegan, our captain, an inspiring world-class player; Trevor Brooking and Ray Wilkins, our best performer in the European Championship in the summer.

This meant we had an untried midfield combination of Terry McDermott, Bryan Robson, winning only his third full cap, Graham Rix, winning his second, and new boy Eric Gates.

The midfield is the "engine-room" of a side, and unless it's firing on all cylinders a team is bound to struggle.

So it naturally took time for the four to settle down, and the contest looked very even to me from my seat on the subs' bench — it was Peter Shilton's turn in goal — until Terry McDermott opened the account with his very first goal for England.

It bore his particular trademark. Terry is second to none at the volley and half-volley, and this goal was typical of him.

Some writers remarked that the ball was struck with less power than usual, and Terry explained to me afterwards the reason for this.

As a Graham Rix free-kick came to him, he readied himself to volley it at goal. But the strong, gusty wind sweeping across the stadium caused the ball to fall short. In a flash he readjusted his stance and instead half-volleyed the ball, concentrating on steering it rather than hammering it, which would have sent it sailing above the bar. His shot curved sweetly over the 'keeper, who watched helplessly as it dropped into the net.

That goal gave our reshaped England confidence to stroke the



'Terry McDermott's first penalty for England'

Wembley turf after giving a performance that was sound rather than spectacular, with encouraging displays from comparative "new boys", such as Viv Anderson, Bryan Robson, Graham Rix and Eric Gates.

If Kevin Keegan is fit for the Rumania game, Eric will probably be the one to stand down. But he's a great prospect for the future.

A win in Rumania, followed by another against Switzerland in October at Wembley and we'll end 1980 feeling we're halfway to Spain for the World Cup Finals. The pressure will be off our shoulders and on the opposition, and we'll be able to play with the freedom that should allow us to forge the understanding that will place us amongst the favourites to win the most precious metal in football.

And now I'd like to give a special mention to those 48,000 faithful fans who took the trouble, on a poor night, to come along to Wembley and cheer us on against a side that could hardly be called a star attraction.

Our fans have been criticised at times, but on this occasion they

were magnificent. On behalf of the boss and the lads — thanks.

This Saturday, Liverpool play at Anfield against Brighton, a club that confounded the pundits who predicted that after winning promotion into the First Division last season for the first time ever, they were certain for the drop.

Instead, they recovered from a bad start to finish a creditable 16th in the table.

This season so far they've had mixed results through inconsistency. Their outspoken manager, Alan Mullery, has blasted them for lack of effort at times, reminding them that you have to work hard just to stay in the First.

We'll be faced by a few new faces: amongst them Mick Robinson, signed from Manchester City and on the way to proving that Malcolm Allison was wrong to sell him by scoring goals. Then there's Gordon Smith, bought from Rangers, an impressive goalscorer with the knack of being in the right place at the right time.

I'll be interested to see whether Steve Foster, outstanding at centre-

goals could be crucial'

ball around and the lads continued to do so after a half-time talk from manager Ron Greenwood, who stressed that patience would bring more goals.

In the 66th minute, as the Norwegians began to tire, our second goal came. For the third time Tony Woodcock found himself in the same situation: with the ball at his feet and the 'keeper to beat. On the two previous occasions Jacobsen had got close enough to smother the shot, but this time Tony hooked it cleanly underneath his body.

Our third goal came from a penalty-kick awarded after Paul Mariner started to run through a bunch of defenders and was bundled over.

Conversion

Terry Mac then got his chance to create another "football first" for himself — his first England penalty conversion — and he did so with an accurate shot into the 'keeper's right-hand corner.

Terry has the ability to hit either side, and I would hate to face him myself.

England's fourth was the best goal of the game, a fitting reward for Paul Mariner's fine display as the leader of our attack, coping with tight marking, holding the ball and generally giving the Norwegian defence a harrowing time.

Receiving the ball inside the 18-yard box, he glided past two defenders, then turned on a sixpence and fired the ball home. It was done in one, quick flowing movement, almost the blink of an eye. His Ipswich team-mate, Mick Mills, sitting

in the stand, told me afterwards he lowered his head to autograph a fan's programme and when he looked up again the ball was in the Norwegian net!

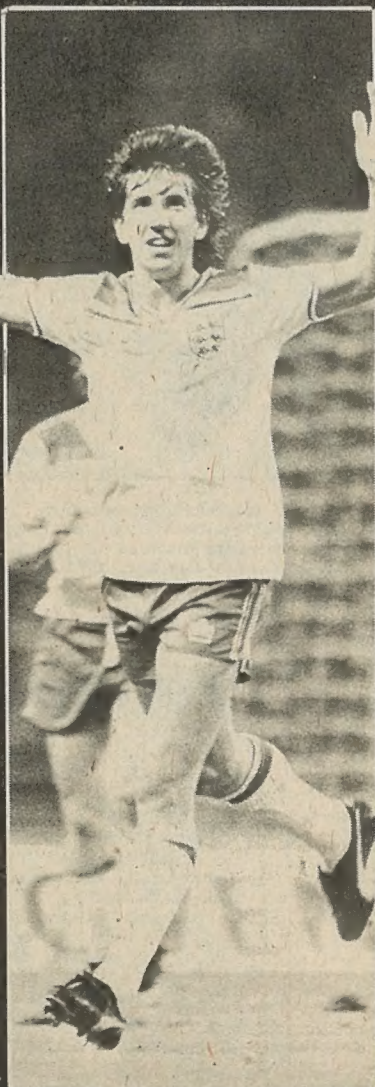
'Paul Mariner scored in a blink of an eye'

The game was not as one-sided as the scoreline might suggest. The Norwegians might have scored on at least three occasions. First, early on in the game when a hard header from one of their six-footers, Hareide, looked bound for our net until Peter Shilton leapt and deftly pushed it over the bar.

Then in the second-half when Peter positioned himself to catch the ball, only for it to bounce away almost at a right-angle, something incredible on a pitch renowned for its level surface. Thank goodness for Phil Thompson, dutifully following up, in a position to clear the ball and rob a chasing opponent of a clear chance to score.

On another occasion, Peter pulled off one of his greatest saves. Our centre-half Dave Watson made a rare error, losing the ball just inside their half. Their striker, Paal Jacobsen, streaked off with the ball like an Olympic sprinter, took it wide, and then fired it across to the far corner. Peter got all his angles right, and smothered a goal-bound shot which otherwise would have given the Norwegians the heart to fight back.

So England walked off the



half against us last season, has continued to improve.

Every side needs a good captain, and Brighton have one in Brian Horton, a long-serving stalwart who never stops urging his men on.

I also admire Mark Lawrenson, who doesn't appear to be out of position anywhere. The Republic of Ireland used him in midfield against Holland and he scored the winner with a spectacular header.

Although manager Mullery may declare Brighton are coming to Anfield to attack, it's odds-on they'll adopt the policy of most visitors and pack their defence and attempt to hit us on the break.

And the Red Machine will, as usual, go flat out to grind them down.

It's the way we always play at Anfield — as OPS Oulu, the first Finnish team to visit us in European competition, will discover the following mid-week.

Originally we were drawn to play the Finns at Anfield in the first-leg, but this was altered as they feared the onset of their fierce winter could cause the second-leg to be postponed.

We're grateful for the switch, and a draw which gave us easier opposition than in the previous two seasons, when we drew Nottingham Forest and Dinamo Tbilisi and fell at the first hurdle.

This way we get the chance to warm up for harder battles to follow!

Ray Clemence



JOHNSTON CHOOSES ENGLAND

CRAIG Johnston's decision to offer his services to England was rewarded with his selection for England's Under-21 team against Norway.

He monopolised midfield in England's 3-0 victory at Southampton and looks to be on the threshold of a glittering future.

Johnston who was born in Johannesburg, has Scottish parentage, and an Australian passport, could have played for any number of countries, but after a chat with England's manager Ron Greenwood announced he wanted to qualify to play for England.

Johnston interested Scotland's manager Jock Stein, and, naturally, was wanted by the Australians who have not quite so many gifted players as England and Scotland, but the 20-year-old who joined Boro three years ago says: "England are the best of the countries that I could play for and I want to go to the top in my profession."

Immediate reward for his decision came with selection for England's Under-21 side, against Norway at Southampton.

CORK UNITED, who have had three name changes since they joined the League of Ireland as Albert Rovers in 1976, have had a proposed change of venue vetoed by the League officials.

United, who have been renting Flower Lodge, the former home of the now defunct Cork Hibernians, had planned to move to 'Turner's Cross. But the Cross, which was used by Cork Celtic prior to their expulsion from the League of Ireland, last year, was deemed unsuitable by the League grounds inspection committee despite the fact that United has spent £2,000 on improvements.

Record Prophett

CREWE player-coach Colin Prophett is looking forward to setting a personal record next February 7 when he turns out at Wimbledon.

Because that day he will join the small band of players who have played on every one of the 92 League grounds.

Prophett, who works closely with manager Tony Waddington at Gresty Road, has previously seen service with Sheffield Wednesday, Norwich, Swindon and Chesterfield before throwing in his lot with Alexandra.

But he was not in the Chesterfield team which played at Plough Lane last March having already moved to Crewe, so is hoping to fill that gap next February when the two teams are scheduled to meet in a Fourth Division game.

'Time to go' admits Towers



TONY Towers is hoping to move from Birmingham City because he feels the need for a change of clubs.

Towers, the former England player, said: "At Birmingham there have been a lot of changes and it is extremely difficult to really show your best form in these kind of circumstances."

He added: "When I went on the close-season tour of Sweden and the manager, Jim Smith asked me where I wanted to play I realised that it was time to move on because I did not figure in his plans."

He cost Birmingham City £140,000 and the Midland club will expect to pick up about the same amount when he eventually moves on.

WHEN Halifax lost their opening League game it meant they extended a sequence which has seen them fail to win on the first day since 1972.

TREVOR Francis is back from a fortnight's holiday in Marbella where he went on the orders of Brian Clough.

It was only a short time ago that Clough refused Francis permission to take a short break and insisted that he remained in Nottingham for treatment.

BACK in action and doing fine — that's 17-year-old Blackpool midfielder John Deary following an operation.

He went into hospital to have a bone shaven off his left heel. John, whose biggest soccer achievement so far is playing in a Lancs F.A. Cup Final, also appeared for Blackpool in a friendly against St Patricks and now waits for the day when he plays at League level on a regular basis.

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Central trio

CAMBRIDGE United's astute young manager John Docherty reckons he has got a plan up his sleeve to solve most tactical problems.

When his rapidly-improving Second Division side made the return visit to Molineux for the second-leg of the League Cup Second Round clash few experts expected them to win.

But, against most of the odds, they did... by 1-0 and with a defensive system which clearly left Wolves baffled.

The Doc's master plan was to use three central defenders instead of two to avoid being stretched by Wolves' strikers Gray and Richards.

"It worked a charm," said the Cambridge boss. And he answered critics who said it would be impossible to pull back two goals against a defensive system like that by saying: "I know what I would do — but you don't think I am going to let anyone else know my plan, do you?"

Jim Holton's off



JIM Holton's days are numbered at Coventry City and the well built Scot now feels that his future lies elsewhere.

The former Manchester United player lost his place last season to Paul Dyson and ever since he has been forced to play second fiddle to the up and coming defender.

With Coventry's youth policy Holton obviously feels that he cannot hope to break back into the First Division at Highfield Road.

In the circumstances Coventry might accept a much lower fee than in normal times to allow Holton an opportunity to get back into a Football League side.

Holton said: "Obviously, I've got to think about my future. I've enjoyed some good times at Coventry but now I must move on — as quickly as possible."

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Brian Greenhoff

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George Berry's loyalty

EXPERIENCE is a hard teacher and no one appreciates that more than Wolves centre-back George Berry.

Dropped by Wales boss Mike England for the British Championship, George was upset but he still went to Wrexham to cheer his fellow Taffies to a 4-1 walloping of England.

But with Norwich's David Jones having to retire because of a bad knee injury, big George — he is only 22 — was recalled for the World Cup squad for the game against the tough tackling Turks.

He said: "It was my fault... taking everything for granted. I've certainly learned my lesson. I hope I can convince Mike England that I'm worth a place in his side."

So Berry, who was born in Germany and is turning in some great performances for Wolves, will be hoping for a long run with the Wales team.

LEEDS may be having their First Division troubles, but if Martin Dickinson is indicative of the youngsters on their books their future should be in good hands.

The local born youngster made his League debut in the 2-0 win over Middlesbrough last April — and that was nearly six weeks before he turned professional. The 17-year-old midfielder has been on the fringe of first team soccer again this season.

He played for Leeds City schoolboys at Under-11 level and up to 16. He has been a Yorkshire Youth player at Under-15 and 19. Yes, he's a pretty quick mover — no wonder he loves racing pigeons...

Alf Wood Quits

A NEW face on the scene at Birmingham City is that of Alf Wood, the much travelled striker, who achieved a life-long ambition by playing at Wembley 16 months ago and scoring.

He has now quit playing and has joined Birmingham to help on the fund raising side of the game.

It was in this job that he was employed at Stafford Rangers where he also played a few games, including his appearance in the F.A. Trophy Final at Wembley.

He said: "I'm aiming to become a commercial manager of a First Division club in the future and I feel my association with Birmingham City will assist me in achieving this ambition."

'Day off?' Rubbish'

WATFORD boss Graham Taylor was surprised to read in one national paper that he had taken the day off following his team's amazing 7-1 win against Southampton.

In fact, 24 hours after the match he described as the best result of his career, Taylor was in Wigan on a special trip to spy on Preston, future League opponents.

"I read that I had taken the day off," said Taylor. "Well I can tell you that at one o'clock on Thursday morning I was travelling home from Wigan. And I don't think you can really call that taking a day off."

Briefly...

● THE Official Celtic Fan Club is now receiving applications for membership for this season.

All Celtic supporters wishing to join should send a P.O. for 50p, together with name, address and date of birth to: Maureen McCann, Secretary Celtic Fan Club, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow.

● GEOFF Langley, 18, Bolton striker, has a heritage of which he is proud. His uncle Fred was a gymnast in the Berlin Olympics.

● MUCH-travelled manager/coach Gibby MacKenzie, now chief scout at Portadown, must be one of the few men in football to have sent two eventual

international team-bosses to the top.

In the first of his two managerial spells at Portadown, back in the early 1960's, he unearthed subsequent Northern Ireland player-chief Dave Clements, and then, in a scouting role, a few years later, figured prominently in the deal which took current Eire supremo Eoin Hand from Dubliners Drumcondra to a lengthy cross-channel career with Portsmouth.

● GLENTORAN received a welcome £40,000 early-season sponsorship boost from an East Belfast company. It is understood most of the money, to be spread over a six-year period, will be used for ground improvements at the Oval.

● EIRE now have a completely new look of

back-room men. New manager Eoin Hand has chosen Terry Conroy of Crews as his assistant and Home Farm's Trevor Anderson is the new physio.

● 'SOCCER Reporter' the Irish football paper offered £1,000 to the first player to score 20 League goals in Eire last season. Shamrock Rovers striker Alan Campbell scooped the jackpot by hitting 22. This season the target has been set at 22 and the prize money increased to £1,500.

● WEST GERMANY will play Eire on March 21 next year. Dusseldorf is the likely venue.

● SUNDAY footballers in Middlesex need have no fears when the name Bayern appears on their fixture lists. Their opponents will be the one and only BAYERN NEASDEN!

'Up for the Cup'



FOOTBALL fans now have their own T.V. programme... "Up For The Cup". It's a knock-out talent competition between acts who appear regularly at football Supporters' Clubs.

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The final Champion act will receive a Cup presented by ATV, who are responsible for the series. Among the clubs taking part are Southampton, Charlton, Coventry, Manchester City, and Walsall.

Don't miss the programme at 6.45 on ITV, next Saturday, October 4th when Norwich City take on Sunderland. Among the acts appearing for Norwich is our very own Paul Trevillion (second left front row), the artist who draws our popular You Are The Ref feature.

With Paul is his lovely singing partner Sadie Nine.

Good luck to Paul and Sadie, all set to score on "Up For The Cup".

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JOHN LOWEY, the 22-year-old striker who played in Sheffield Wednesday's five-game marathon against Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Third Round two seasons ago, is available at around £25,000.

John, signed by Tommy Docherty when he was at Manchester United, helped Bill Foulkes team Chicago Sting win the North American Division Championship a couple of summers ago.

"Chicago is my favourite American city," he says. "People imagine it's a place full of gangsters and violin cases but I found it beautiful." John, who played in 29 games for The Owls before he lost his place in the team, should not be on the transfer list for long.

MIKE Higginbottom, a 17-year-old mid-field player with Leicester, rates pigeon racing almost as highly as he does soccer.

The lad from Sheffield says: "I am a keen pigeon fancier and when I am at home I fly them with my father in the pigeon club. I hope to fly my own when I get established."

ENGLAND captain Ian Botham exchanged cricket flannels for Scunthorpe's colours in the Fourth Division. Now, West Bromwich Albion's exciting striker Cyrille Regis has swapped soccer boots for cricket bat.

Regis, who bears a striking resemblance to one or two members of the triumphant West Indies Test team, went to the nets before playing for Albion in a cricket match against Dartmouth Cricket Club.

His England soccer future is more



AMERICA has been a popular haunt for footballers this year. Kevin Keegan whipped himself and family off to sunny Florida soon after the European Championship, and so too did a host of others.

Spurs players were pretty thick on the ground in the States: Don McAllister taking a month near Tampa on the Gulf of Mexico; Paul Miller spending his time bumping into familiar faces like Paul Barron and Jerry Murphy of Crystal Palace and Don Howe of Arsenal in Fort Lauderdale; Chris Jones went to San Francisco, Mark Falco to Fort Lauderdale, Mike Hazard and Graham Roberts to Miami — it must have been getting pretty crowded there!

Don't ignore Findlay

LUTON manager David Pleat had some stinging remarks to make on the absence of his goalkeeper Jake Findlay from Jock Stein's Scotland squad for the game against Sweden.

He said: "I simply don't understand it. I happen to know he has watched Coventry's Jim Blyth four times this season, but Findlay has never come under scrutiny. If that is the narrow vision Stein uses I am baffled."

"As far as I am concerned Stein doesn't deserve to have Findlay playing for him. It hurts me to think such a consistent player should be ignored."

IT cost Brighton a club record £400,000 to bring Gordon Smith from Rangers.

But now they could be adding his younger brother Billy to the staff — and he won't cost them a penny.

Says Gordon: "When I mentioned Billy was a good prospect the boss suggested he come down for trials."

assured than his cricket future, but Cyrille is no slouch with the willow.

Coaching note: Dave Sexton (below) should stick to soccer management at Manchester United. Your grip on the bat is too high Dave, unlikely to encourage fluent strokes.





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'GREIG'S BETT A WINNER'

NORMALLY I leave predictions to star-gazers and fortune-tellers, but I'm going to put my neck on the line right now and say Rangers will certainly win some silverware this season.

Last season was an absolute nightmare. We won nothing and the team went through a bad spell. Now, thankfully, we have turned the corner and there is no way we will fail to win a trophy — if not them all — this term.

I know it is commonplace for a player to come out and say his team is going to get among the honours, but I really mean it. I am excited about the possibilities at

Ibrog and obviously manager John Greig deserves great praise.

He bought Jim Bett from Belgian side SK Lokeren during the close season and that was a gamble. Nobody actually knew a lot about the player, but he has been a marvellous success in our midfield.

Jim has been called a new Jim Baxter, but I don't see him like that. Jim Baxter was never famous for hard tackling or 90 minute running. Jim Bett certainly has those qualities and it was great to see him being capped at Under-21 level recently,



Tartan Talk
DEREK JOHNSTONE

potential and he is certain to have a superb career.

I was talking to him the other day and casually asked how many clubs were after him before he came to Ibrox. I almost fell flat on my back when he raced through them. Just about every English First Division side wanted him — Arsenal and Manchester United included — and there weren't many Scots clubs without an interest.

Celtic fancied him, too, but I'm delighted to say he chose Rangers. The boy has got so much to offer football in the future.

Just to prove that I'm not totally biased I would say that Celtic have got

a good youngster, too, in the shape of Charlie Nicholas. I've seen him on television recently and he looks like being some player.

Scottish soccer will be in good hands if John and Charlie strike up a partnership at international level. It's an exciting thought, anyway.

Getting back to Rangers, I just take one look at the team and know we are heading in the right direction. There is no such thing as a first team at Ibrox at the moment. It is a first team SQUAD that we talk about.

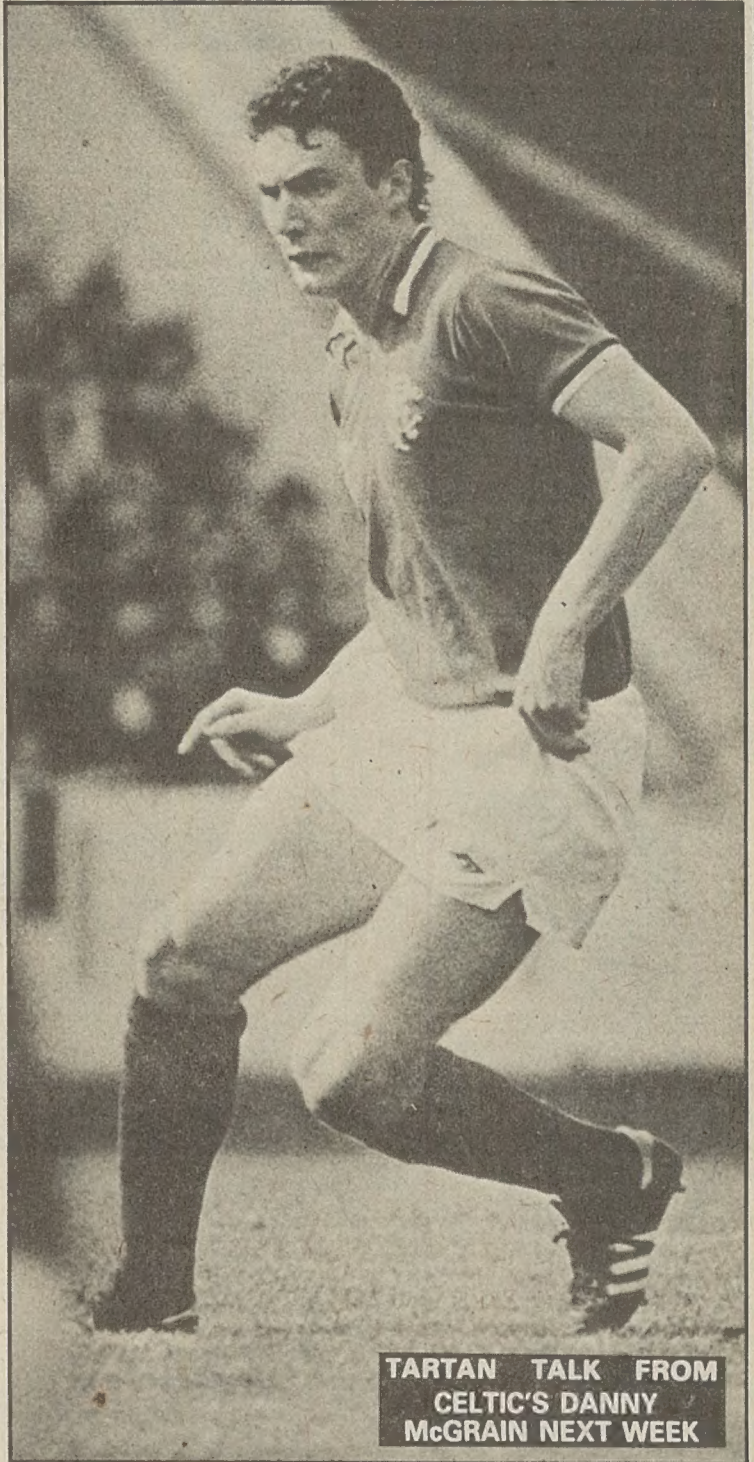
The gaffer, John Greig, changes the team from game to game to suit the conditions and style of play of opponents and it has been a great success.

For instance, Davie Cooper had a brilliant game against Partick Thistle one week, but seven days later he was on the substitute's bench against Celtic. John Greig told him why he was giving him that role and later in the game Davie went on and helped us win 2-1.

There is great expectancy in the air at Ibrox. I know I'm not really taking much of a chance when I say we will certainly win something this season.

That Premier Division trophy would look nice back at Ibrox.

Derek Johnstone



**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
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Journey

Unfortunately, Scotland lost 2-0 in a place called Laxa in Sweden and Jim tells me he has never seen a town like it. It took a four-hour journey by bus from Stockholm to get there and there seemed to be nothing but fir trees.

Apparently there was an hotel, a general store, a football pitch and not much else!

A journalist friend of mine actually hopped on a bus for a couple of hours to go into 'town' and asked for the best place to eat. He was promptly given directions back to where he had just left!

Welcome to the international scene, Jim Bett... as you can see it's not all glamour.

Young John MacDonald played in that game, too, and regular readers of this column will know what I think of this boy's qualities. He is an outstanding attacker of immense

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MEL HOPKINS

THIS long-legged left-back from South Wales had his ups and downs after joining Tottenham Hotspur and making his League debut in 1953, but although he was not always able to hold his place in their side he was still first choice for his country. However, when he had developed his game and played some intelligent football for both club and country, particularly in the World Cup of 1958, he had the misfortune to suffer a serious injury which cost him his place in the Spurs side where he was replaced by Ron Henry. As so often happens, Henry took full advantage of the opportunity, improved out of all recognition, and held the place to win League and Cup honours in Tottenham's great 'double' season of 1960-61. A cool and patient type of defender, Hopkins was unable to re-establish himself with Spurs, but in 1964-65 he made a major contribution to Brighton's climb out of the Fourth Division before spells with Ballymena and with Bradford Park Avenue. He made 34 appearances for Wales.

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UWE SEELE

GERD Muller's predecessor at the centre of the West German attack, Uwe Seeler's direct, aggressive and stirring runs at opposing defences made him the idol of German fans. Balding, only medium-height, but sturdily-built and a surprisingly good header of the ball, Seeler made his international debut at the age of 17 and ran up a total of 73 caps, taking part in the 1958, 1962, 1966 and 1970 World Cup Finals, and scoring 43 goals in the process. At club level, Uwe (born on November 5th, 1936) joined Hamburger SV as a nine-year-old and stayed with the club for 27 years until his retirement in 1972, racking in an incredible tally of 721 goals. Seeler's formula for success was "working hard, staying cool at all times, playing clean, direct football with the opponent's net as the immediate aim, and being honest with fellow players and fans."



FRANK McLINTOCK

CAPTAIN of Arsenal during their 'double' season of 1970-71, Frank McLintock gained just nine full caps for his native Scotland, but will nevertheless be remembered as one of Arsenal's finest defenders. McLintock's career started with Leicester City, and while at Filbert Street he made his first Wembley appearance — his team losing 2-0 to Spurs in the 1961 F.A. Cup Final. A commanding central defender and an outstanding header of the ball, McLintock was first called up by Scotland as a substitute against Northern Ireland in 1963. Within two years, Frank had made his move to Highbury, where he was to lead the team to some of their greatest glories. Four more Wembley appearances were to follow, as well as success in the 1969-70 European Fairs Cup. But the emergence of young David O'Leary on the Arsenal scene placed increasing pressure on McLintock for his previously undisputed first team place, and he was eventually allowed to leave the club for nearby Queens Park Rangers. Prematurely discarded by Arsenal, McLintock continued to put in a series of masterful displays for Rangers before he finally retired from the game in order to take over the vacant managerial position at Leicester. Unfortunately, the return to Filbert Street did not work, and after just one season in charge, McLintock ended his long and distinguished association with the game.



DENIS LAW



A GOALSCORING legend and still Scotland's most successful striker with 30 goals in 55 games, Denis joined his native Aberdeen straight from school, but soon made the trip South, where he was taken under the protective wing of the legendary Bill Shankly at Huddersfield. A skinny, bespectacled teenager, Law nevertheless soon showed all the instincts of a natural goalscoring genius and by 1960 had joined Manchester City for a £50,000 fee. Within a year, Law's reputation had spread across the world, and he became the first British player to move for a six-figure fee when he went to Italy to play for Torino, although he

was an instant hit over there, Law really never settled in Italy, and 12 months later he returned to Manchester and the scene of his greatest triumphs — Old Trafford. In his first season there, United won the F.A. Cup, and were also League Champions twice in succession. In 1968 United won the European Cup, but Law was missing from the line-up on that historic night at Wembley through injury. Law's career ended back at Maine Road, and ironically his last Football League goal relegated his beloved United in 1974. Now Denis Law is a regular contributor to the BBC's radio commentary team, and he remains as popular as ever.

ALFREDO DI STEFANO



ONE of the most colourful characters in the history of the game, Alfredo di Stefano is rated by many as in the same class as Pelé. Remembered mostly for his superb attacking and incredible goals for the great Real Madrid side that dominated European football, "The Blond Arrow" (born July 4th, 1926) began with River Plate in his native Buenos Aires and won six Argentine caps before joining 'pirate' team Millonarios in Colombia and then crossing the Atlantic to join Real Madrid in 1953. In the next 11 amazing years di Stefano's 308 goals catapulted Real to eight League titles, one Cup and that unforgettable run of five consecutive European Cup Final wins. The arrival of 'Panchito' Puskas in 1959 created one of the deadliest scoring tandems in the annals of the game, setting Europe alight by sharing all seven goals in the spectacular 1960 European Cup Final. After winning 31 caps for Spain, di Stefano retired at 40 to become a successful — and equally colourful — manager. In charge of the Valencia team for last season's European Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Arsenal, di Stefano was surprisingly sacked within weeks of his club's success following a series of internal disagreements.



TOMMY YOUNGER

HIBERNIAN'S last line of defence throughout one of the most successful periods in their history, Tommy Younger was one of the first British goalkeepers to concentrate on team-work rather than the long boot upfield. The season he made his debut for Hibs they were Championship runners-up. In each of the next two seasons they carried off the title, and then followed this with another season in second place. Surprisingly enough, he was not

selected for full Scotland international team until May, 1955, but once in the side he enjoyed a run of 24 consecutive appearances, but before that run had come to an end he had left Scotland for Liverpool, shortening his international career because a Scottish League goalkeeper was preferred. In 1959 he went to Falkirk as player-manager, but this job lasted only a few months and injury finished his career at Leeds in 1962 after brief spells in Canada and with Stoke City.

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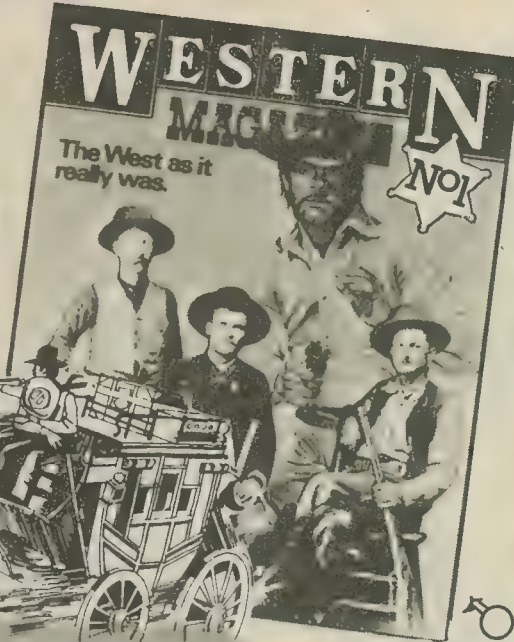
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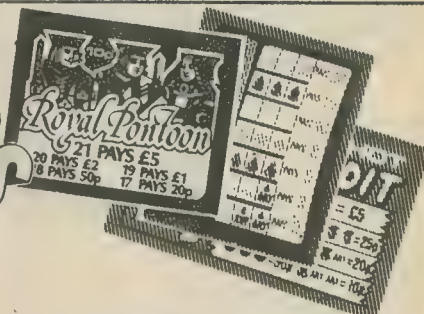
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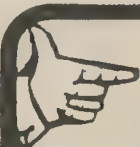
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BACK FROM THE DEAD

LIFE is suddenly looking a lot brighter for John Lacy, Tottenham's towering centre-half. He is back in the swing of things — battling away at the heart of the defence as Spurs attempt to build on their brightest start for many years.

What a contrast to a few, short, months ago when Lacy — banished to the obscurity of the reserves — doubted whether he had any future at all at White Hart Lane.

He became so despondent at being out-in-the-cold he even asked for a transfer and would have been somewhere else by now if Tottenham boss Keith Burkinshaw had received a suitable offer.

All that is in the past now. The transfer request has been torn up as the former economics graduate is now earning top honours again on the football field.

Lacy got a dramatic recall to the first team during a close-season tour of Scotland. He took it so well there was no way he could be overlooked for the opening of the First Division programme.

And he did as well as anyone as the new-look Spurs carried the banner for bright, entertaining football and set the First Division alight with some sizzling stuff.

Archibald, Crooks and Hoddie captured the imagination — and most of the headlines. But all at Tottenham are aware of the contribution Lacy is making.

He knows he must maintain this

early form if he is to continue to enjoy life at the top. And the miserable experiences of last season are too fresh in his mind to allow him to relax for a second.

Lacy was one of the first victims of the appalling start Spurs made 12 months ago.

He lost his place early on as Burkinshaw shook up the side following some heavy defeats. And he despaired of ever getting back — which is what led to his heartbreaking decision to ask for a move.

"I had no complaints about being left out. We were doing so badly that Keith had to make changes," admitted Lacy with refreshing honesty.

"But I was hurt at being overlooked when we had centre-halves injured or suspended later in the season.

"I really thought I might get a chance to redeem myself in situations like that. But when I was still in the reserves I felt there was no future for me at White Hart Lane.

"Asking for a move was not something I did lightly. Tottenham are a great club and any move I may have made would have been a downward one.

'Miserable'

"Last season had to be the most miserable one of my career. It seemed to drag on and on and I just could not wait for it to end.

"Things didn't seem all that much brighter when we reported back in the summer. My name was not among those selected to go to Holland for some pre-season warm-up matches and I thought 'here we go again'.

"But it did not go too well for the lads out there. They let a few goals in and Keith sent for me to join the party in Scotland.

"My first game was against Glasgow Rangers. I suffered a knee injury that kept me out of the next two games.

"But Keith was impressed enough with my display that night to name me in the team for the opening League match against Nottingham Forest.

"It has gone reasonably well for me since. Now it's up to me to make sure they stay that way. Believe me, it's no fun playing in the reserves and if I have anything to do with it I won't go back there."

Lacy is another of that rare breed of footballer — one who doesn't give managers any trouble.

Even his £200,000 transfer from Fulham two years ago was completely overshadowed by the arrival of Ardiles and Villa from Argentina at the same time.

John Lacy deserves a break now. Let's hope he gets it.

John Lacy has played well enough to earn a recall by Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw (right) after almost a year in the shadows.

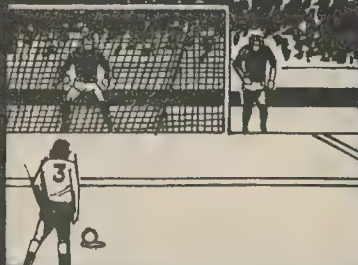




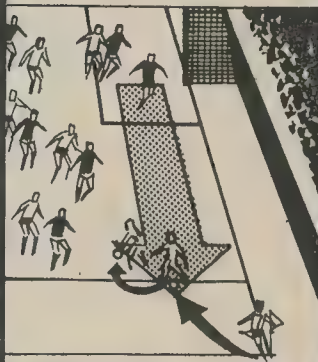
YOU ARE THE REF

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1 Before a penalty-kick is taken a defender obtains your permission to leave the pitch. The defender stands near a goal post. Can you order him to move in case he distracts the penalty-taker?



2 Taking a corner, a player miskicks the ball. The goalkeeper runs outside the area kicks the ball into his penalty-area, picks it up and clears down the field. Should you (a) have the kick retaken or (b) take no action?



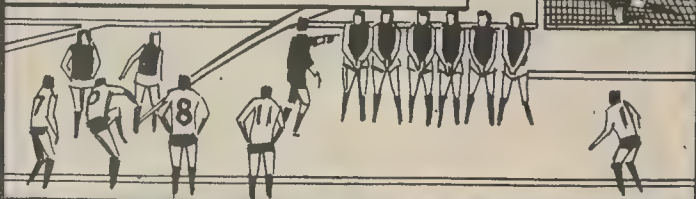
3 Can a goalkeeper wear number 21 on his back?



4 A defending player obstructs an opponent and pushes him at the same time. Should you award (a) a direct free-kick or (b) indirect free-kick?



5 A free-kick is awarded to the attacking side. You are assuring the defenders are ten yards from the ball when an attacking player shoots wide. Should you (a) have the kick retaken or (b) take no action?



ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Take no action (b). 3. Yes. 4. Direct free-kick (a). 5. Take no action (b). It happened in my game at Highbury in the local derby between Arsenal and Tottenham. I had given a free-kick to Tottenham just outside the Arsenal penalty-area. After placing the ball I went forward to mark the ten yards when Yorath took the kick. His shot went wide and I restarted with a goal-kick. Brian Talbot asked me what would I have given if the ball had gone into the goal. I said "I would have made them retake the kick."

'Dull? We're never that'

It absolutely staggers me that we at Nottingham Forest are being criticised in some areas for being a negative team.

I don't know whether it is because we had a couple of goalless draws against Everton and Middlesbrough at the beginning of the season or not, but I would dismiss any criticism levelled at us as being a defensive-minded side.

Like all successful clubs we are aware that to win things you have got to have the basics right and that, first of all, means having a solid defence which is not going to do silly things.

But while we pride ourselves on our defensive record, that doesn't mean to say we play the game to achieve that end.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that the make-up of our side has changed to that of a far more attacking one in the last two or three years.

At one time we were a side whose success was based on hitting the opposition on the counter attack, with players like Tony Woodcock and Peter Withe getting breakaway goals.

But I would say that from the time we won the First Division Championship in 1978, we are a side even more geared to playing open, attacking football.

You only have to look at the type of signings that the boss and Peter Taylor have made to realise that.

Ian Wallace and Raimondo Ponte are our two newest recruits and their whole game is built around scoring and creating . . . not destroying.

There are other things that back up my argument — like the fact that we have two of the most attacking full-backs in the country in Viv Anderson and Frank Gray. I can tell you that they much prefer to attack than defend.

I don't think we are as strong defensively as we were for certain reasons, not least because we have lost players like Frank Clark and Archie Gemmill, who were thoroughly experienced in the art of marking.

It all adds up to a busier time for me in goal. But I don't mind as long as the name Nottingham Forest is appearing on some silverware at the end of the season.

'Arsenal right



'Protect us from criticism'



I'M delighted that Joe Corrigan's differences with Manchester City seem to have been settled.

I must say that it was totally out of character for big Joe (right) to sound off about his feelings towards Malcolm Allison but I am sure he had his reasons.

If rumours and reports were right, there was a suggestion that Joe found out he might be dropped from the City side and I can well imagine that kind of talk upsetting him.

For a start I don't think City, who let's face it, have had their problems in recent times, have had a better and more loyal servant than him.

And I doubt if anyone did more to keep City in the First Division last

season than Joe, who week after week got rave reports in the Press.

It's not for me to delve into the reasons why there was an upset between Joe and Malcolm but, being a goalkeeper myself, I do feel as though it is a manager's job to try and protect the guy with a number one on his jersey.

Goalkeepers are the most vulnerable people on a football field — one mistake and they can be crucified for it by everybody.

Consistency

It's great while you are doing well but although we all try and strive for consistency, it's not always possible to achieve the highest standards every week in the season.

So when a goalkeeper is not having such a good time, the first thing he needs is understanding — not criticism.

The pressures are great enough without them coming from inside your own club. I hope Malcolm Allison realises this.

to sign Sansom'

WE come up against Arsenal at Highbury this Saturday and I'll be more than a little interested to see how Kenny Sansom has settled down with The Gunners since his big money transfer from Crystal Palace.

His move across London — with Clive Allen going in the opposite direction — was one of the surprise affairs of this or any season, but I wouldn't think it has worried Kenny unduly.

Credit

I understand he had a few personal problems but he was big enough to own up to them. And what's more to his credit — he hasn't let anything get him down.

Mind you, that's not surprising from what I know of him since he's been in the England squad. He's a bubbly sort of personality who is always having a joke and a few laughs with the other lads.

He's got a lot of confidence, too, and that's a characteristic that has shown through in his performances for both Palace and England.

Whenever he's been called on by Ron Greenwood, Kenny has gone into the side and produced the kind of performance you would expect from someone much older and with a lot more experience.

His strength is in going forward and although I've only played behind him on a couple of occasions he seems to be very positive in all that he does.

Going back to his transfer, I think it's fair to say that Palace didn't really want to lose him, but their need for a striker dictated otherwise.

From Arsenal's point of view, they probably got Allen in the first place because he was a quality player who became available . . . and they had the cash from their Cup runs to afford him.

But, when the Sansom deal became a possibility, Arsenal no doubt thought that with the likes of Frank Stapleton and Alan Sunderland on the books, their need for a class defender outweighed the benefits to be had from investing in a striker.

Joe Shilton



THE cross was delivered from the right wing and Johannes Edvaldsson outjumped a hesitant Dundee United defender to direct a swirling header away from Hamish McAlpine into the net...

Remarkably, that was the only League goal McAlpine conceded at Tannadice throughout last season. He played in 14 Premier Division matches and missed a handful through injury, but that effort from the former Celtic player, now playing in America, was the only one that eluded him.

Even more astonishing is the fact McAlpine's goals against tally

schedule. I can't praise him highly enough."

McLean has been puzzled by some of McAlpine's team-mates, though, who haven't produced the goods when they might have been expected to deliver.

Eamonn Bannon, for instance, cost the club £165,000 from Chelsea last term, but McLean didn't think twice about dropping him because he thought he wasn't playing to top form.

By the same token, free transfer man Joe Ward, from Hibs, was thrust into the first team after he had convinced McLean that he had

half performance had me baffled."

He didn't need to elaborate, for McLean is one of the great thinkers and tacticians of the modern day game.

He has criticised some players, but goalkeeper McAlpine, an extrovert character, continues to be praised.

McLean has already said he is the best uncapped goalkeeper in Scotland, and there aren't many fans who will argue with that. McAlpine also brings colour to the game with his flamboyant touch.

He is a former skipper of the Tannadice club and used to take all

BOSS CAN'T PRAISE HAMISH HIGHLY ENOUGH

had doubled after just one League outing at Tannadice this season when Kilmarnock drew 2-2!

However, McAlpine has come in for great praise from perfectionist manager Jim McLean, who frankly admits that some of his team's early season form was "baffling."

"Hamish picked up a bad injury against Rangers at Ibrox near the end of last season and it looked as though we would be without him for the start of this campaign," says the Tannadice supremo.

"But he worked hard in training, and came back well ahead of

something to offer.

"There is no standing on ceremony here," says one player. "It doesn't matter who you are, if you are not playing well you are out. It certainly keeps you on your toes."

In one game this season against Morton at Tannadice, United were sweeping around the pitch in full flow and looking extremely useful. Bannon restored to the first team, and Graeme Payne were dictating things from midfield, but, in the end, United had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

McLean admitted: "Our second-

their penalty kicks. He once missed two in one game and had to scamper back to protect his own net at a speed that might even astonish Allan Wells!

McAlpine has ability, class and confidence. Above all, though, he has courage. The injury sustained against Rangers was a nasty one. It could, in fact have ended his career.

But Hamish has proved he is not a quitter. If his team-mates can match the same depth of character manager Jim McLean would be a happy man.



ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:

- (2) Seeker of new players. (5)
- (4) Terry —, Liverpool mid-field player. (9)
- (8) Regulation. (4)
- (9) — Steele; Watford 'keeper. (4)
- (11) The tibia and fibia, for instance. (5)
- (14) — Kiev. Famous Russian club. (6)
- (15) Phil —, West Ham 'keeper. (6)
- (17) — Birtles; Nottingham Forest and England striker. (5)
- (20) Mel —, Wolves winger. (4)
- (22) Month in which the 1980 European Championship Final tournament was held in Italy. (4)
- (23) "The Bees" from Griffin Park. (9)
- (27) Steve —, Norwich City striker. (5)

DOWN:

- (1) Plain —, Torquay United's ground. (4)
- (2) —n-erland from Roker Park. (3)
- (3) Number of clubs in the Football League whose names start with the letter "G" (3)

- (4) Hibernian are the Cup holders of this country. (5)

- (5) Be repeated, like sound in an empty stand. (4)

- (6) — Lyons. Everton defender. (4)

- (7) S---k's Park; Raith Rovers ground. (3)

- (8) Joe —, another Norwich striker. (5)

- (10) They play at Gresty Road. (5)

- (11) ---head Park, home of Dumbarton. (3)

- (12) ---way, England's recent opponents. (3)

- (13) Person secretly collecting and reporting information. (3)

- (16) The soccer ball is, but the rugby ball isn't! (5)

- (18) Forename of Blackpool's player-manager. (4)

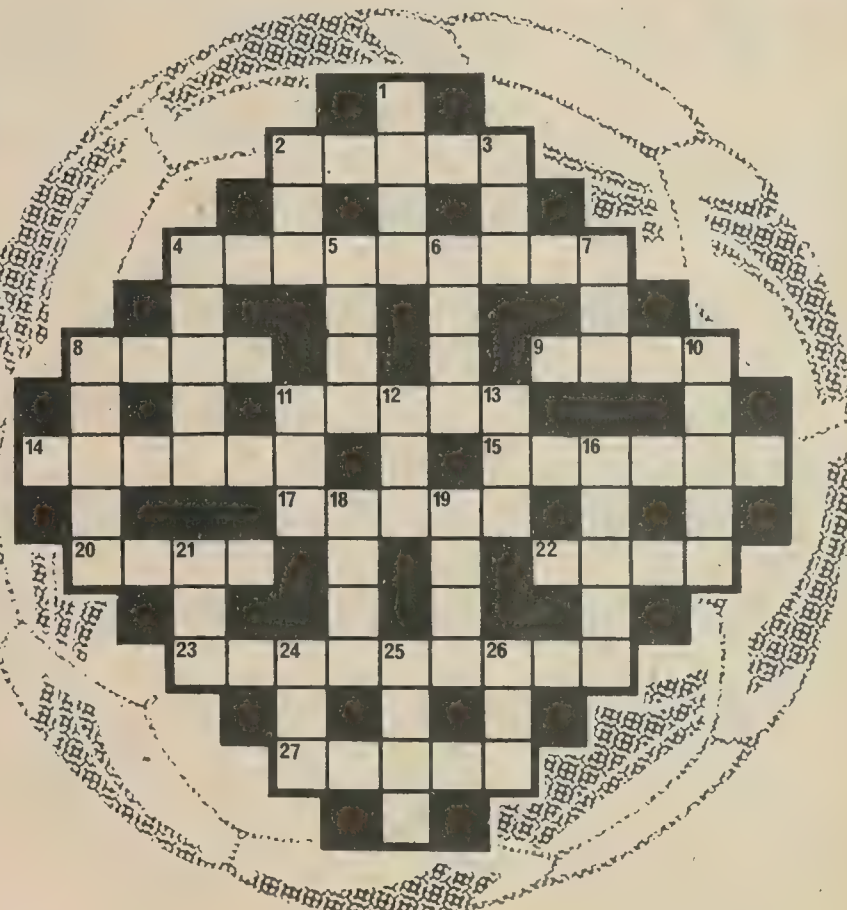
- (19) There is almost always one on the stand. (4)

- (21) Flow back. (3)

- (24) If Cardiff, Aston Villa and Aberdeen give FAN; what do Rochdale, Reading and Stirling give? (3)

- (25) Identification labels. (4)

- (26) Number of goals scored in the 1979 European Cup Final (Nottingham Forest v. Malmö). (3)



ANSWERS ON PAGE 44.

'My new strike role' DAVID MOSS

ANYONE who knows David Moss will readily agree that he's one of soccer's genuine nice guys.

But right now the quietly-spoken Luton Town striker is looking to add what might sound to be an out-of-character *mean streak* to his game, in an effort to get back on the rip-roaring goal-trail he blazed last season.

As David explained: "I picked up a couple of pre-season knocks, which meant I didn't start the season in quite the shape I'd hoped.

"In fact, in the first few games I wasn't at all happy with my own performances. I just wasn't sharp enough where it mattered most — in front of goal. That's why I'm determined to add that little extra bite and zest to my game, and hope that as a result, the chances will start to go in again."

David is only too well aware of the added goalscoring responsibility that's fallen squarely on his shoulders this season.

He notched 24 League goals for The Hatters last term, as they just failed in their bid for promotion to the First Division. But Bob Hatton, the man who finished second in the club's goalscoring stakes with 18, has since left to join Sheffield United. So obviously there is quite a gap to be filled.

"This season, with Bob gone, I've been given more of a free role up-front — a licence to roam. Unfortunately, so far it hasn't really come off. But it's still early days yet, and I'm hopeful we'll be

able to work something out.

"I've got a sneaky feeling that this season we're going to see young Brian Stein start scoring with the regularity we've always thought he was capable of."

David himself started this current League campaign with two goals in the match at West Ham — both of them penalties — and he makes no bones about the fact that at times like this, when he's finding goals hard to come by, he's more than grateful to be filling the penalty taker's role.

"Secretly, I think most goalscorers would like to take the penalties for their teams," David told us. "We're a pretty single-minded bunch, I suppose, and so long as the goals are going in, it doesn't matter how we get them."

Meanwhile, the million-dollar question as far as this season is concerned, is have Moss and his Luton team-mates learned enough from the disappointment of 1979-80 to claim one of those three promotion places next May?

David is confident they have.

'Despondent'

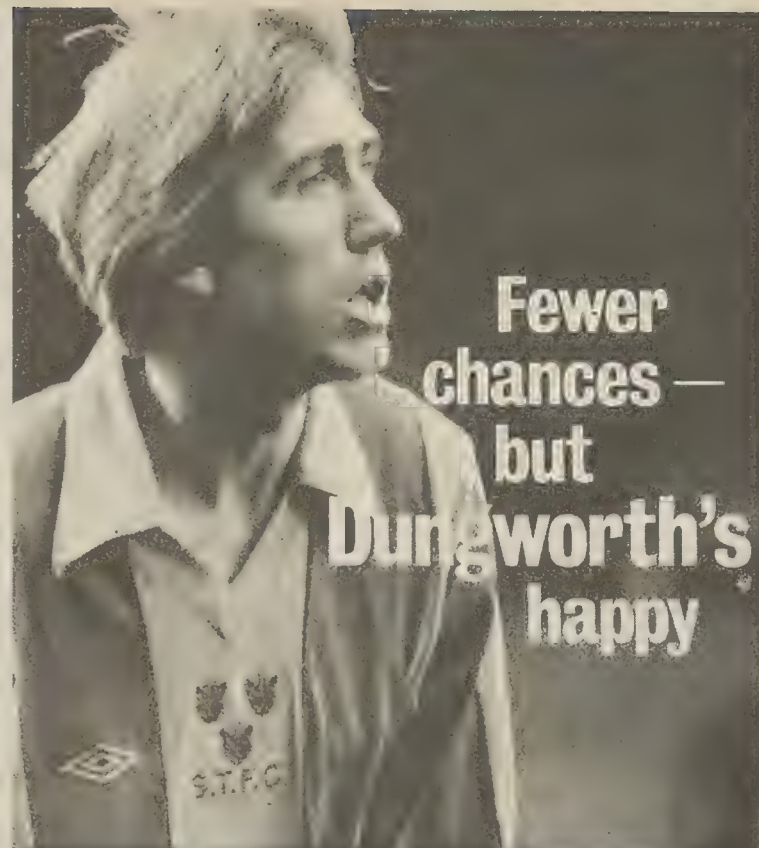
"Obviously, last season everyone was very despondent after having never been out of the top six in the League, only to miss out on the real prize at the death.

"But, to be honest, I think it showed that although we were good — and very good at times — we weren't quite good enough overall.

"The side has some very talented players, but several of them were also relatively inexperienced in League football.

"But now we're all a year older, and more important, a year wiser — and that must be to our advantage.

"Our manager, David Pleat, has got the whole team geared to attack. I think we've learned our lesson, and I'm really looking forward to playing my part in what I hope will be a promotion-winning season for the club."



Fewer chances — but Dungworth's happy

JOHN Dungworth had a fearsome reputation to live up to when he was transferred to Shrewsbury Town in October last year.

His 58 League goals in little over two seasons for his previous club, Aldershot, had clearly labelled him as one of the country's hot-shots.

The fact that the £70,000 fee paid by Shrewsbury was a record for the club, and that Dungworth actually managed to score on his debut, only served to increase the expectation of the home fans that here was the instant answer to their early season blues.

But it was never going to be that easy. Far from it, in fact.

After carrying off the Third Division title, Town were struggling to establish themselves in their first season in Division Two. And for Dungworth it was his first taste of life outside the lower reaches of the League.

'Settling In'

"No matter who he is, or where he's playing, it's always a testing time for any new player settling into a different side," said John.

The fact that he only managed seven League goals for Shrewsbury last term, compared to his previous record, indicates just how tough the going was.

"But I'm fully convinced the worst is over now," says John confidently. "And I'm determined to do the job manager Graham Turner bought me for — and that's to score goals regularly.

"I know full well what people outside the club were beginning to say about me.

"That I'd moved up beyond my limitations. That I was capable of playing in the lower Divisions, where goalscoring is supposed to be easier, but that I didn't have the ability to carry on my trade in better company.

"I'd be a liar if I said I didn't feel the pressure building up. After all,

Shrewsbury are a small club, and haven't got money to throw around like other sides. They'd gambled heavily on me, and I wasn't giving them the more obvious return for their money — namely goals."

The turning point for Dungworth, and Shrewsbury, came in the unlikely surroundings of Stamford Bridge. Unlikely, because Chelsea were flying high in the promotion race at the time, while Town were looking more and more like candidates for a quick return to the Third.

"Somehow, everything seemed to click in that match," recalled John. "I got two quick goals, and the whole team seemed to grow visibly in confidence.

"We went on to a convincing 4-1 win, which turned out to be the first of six consecutive victories for us.

"That gave everyone much needed breathing space, and set us up to a good finish to the season.

"My partnership with Steve Biggins up-front started to work extremely well, and began to show some positive results.

"This season we've started with almost the same side that we ended with last May, so obviously we're all hoping to pick up where we left off.

"I see no reason why we shouldn't.

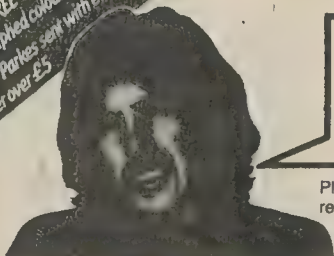
"After last season's early problems, I was a bit worried when we started this season at the bottom. But I got both goals in our 2-1 victory over Watford, and I think we have turned the corner now.

"Having seen most of the opposition last season, I don't feel we have any reason to fear anyone.

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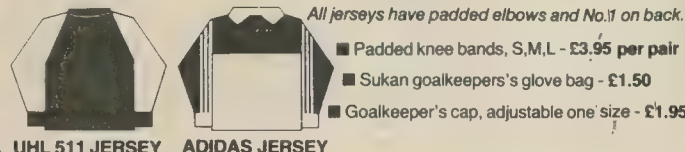


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This Week's Star Letter comes from Tim Johnson of Sheffield who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

A FAN'S VIEW OF SOCCER'S PROBLEMS

★ After everyone else has had their say over what happened at Boundary Park I thought it only right that the supporter's story be told.

First of all let's get two facts absolutely clear about the Oldham/Sheffield Wednesday game. They are that reports of 6,000 rioting fans are nonsense and secondly Jack Charlton was not "pelted with missiles by his own fans."

Indeed, some of the reporting has been a disgrace. Not only was the incident blown out of all proportion, the Press got more facts wrong than they got right.

We had a crowd disturbance with some fans trying to get through a gate. Nobody bothered to mention the fact that some Wednesday supporters tried to stop them.

With the police trying to go through the same gate you can imagine the confusion and misunderstanding.

The trouble was caused by a couple of hundred lunatics.

They totally destroyed the good reputation Sheffield Wednesday fans had built up over the past few years.

The F.A. refuses to recognise they are as responsible as anyone for hooliganism. They stifle debate within the game by fining managers who criticise referees. This at a time when officials are worse than ever.

Banning fans is no answer, it is a negative policy that injures the true supporter.

I bet Ted Croker, Sir Harold Thompson and Co. have never set foot on the terraces. They are totally out of touch with what is needed.

Of course, the problem is long-term and involves unemployment, numerous social happenings and the economic recession, but the F.A. can help if only they open their eyes.

First of all, they must persuade the government to spend more on facilities and help clubs financially. The Arts are supported by millions of pounds and yet the country's national game and biggest entertainment business receives peanuts.

The police must be more realistic and understand the problems. Not every supporter is a potential hooligan, but the police seem to think so.

Everybody must act together to remove the hooligan element before it is too late. The old ideas have failed, the old men have failed for they no longer have any control over the game.

There has to be a massive re-shuffle to bring the game back to sanity. The worst sight at Oldham was seeing fathers taking their children away from the ground and it will continue until someone does something and the idiotic five per cent be eliminated from the game.

Everyone in the game — supporters, managers, players, officials, sports reporters — everyone needs to pull together and act positively before it is too late.

TIM JOHNSON,
SHEFFIELD.

● Brave words, but I've said all along that the answer lies with fans to behave themselves. No punishment will prevent these morons from rioting, although I agree we could still do more to prevent trouble.

Rough justice

IN answer to the great 'mystery' of Jock Stein's loyalty to Alan Rough, it is quite simple. He is an outstanding goalkeeper.

If Kenny Dalglish can be kept in the Scotland team on the strength of his Liverpool performances then Alan Rough has to be also, as his club form is twice that of Dalglish.

For any player to make the Scotland team playing for Partick Thistle and to keep his place despite criticism from all over Britain is no mean feat.

Any regular at Firhill will tell you that he is the greatest goalkeeper ever seen and his consistency with Partick Thistle proves this.

Before you see him regularly, and not five or six times a year on television, don't knock him. He's the greatest.

SCOTT MAXWELL,
BISHOPBRIGGS.

● Rough, unfortunately, has made errors in crucial games at international level. All fans judge players on what they see.

Factory worker McQueen

GORDON McQueen is in favour of paying less tax because of the footballer's short career.

Footballers are destroying the game because of their greed. They earn more in one week than the average worker can earn in a month — they only train on average three hours a day, playing 90 minutes of football a week.

They are paid inflated wages for something they enjoy doing while the British worker has to work 40 hours a week.

He also says most players end their careers at 33-35 and there aren't that many coaching jobs to go around.

What's wrong with him going into industry or working in a factory as he will still be young and fit?

Come on, Gordon, be thankful for what you've got, due to the fans who spend their hard-earned wages paying your inflated wages.

PAUL DIXON,
ROWLANDS GILL.

● Average workers don't attract 50,000 to Old Trafford or millions of T.V. viewers. They deserve their rewards, like other sportsmen.

Hangers on

EVERY year we hear about the marvellous support of Liverpool. They have the best team in England, but certainly not the best supporters.

It is very easy to support a team who are always winning, but what about when things start to go wrong? Where were these marvellous supporters on 30th August for the game versus Norwich City?

What would happen if Liverpool were in the Second Division — unlikely to say the least — but what sort of support would they get?

The best supporters are those who follow their teams around the less glamorous surroundings of the Third and Fourth Divisions.

I suggest that a lot of Liverpool's so-called supporters are just there because of the success of the team and not because of loyalty to the club.

This can be seen at every ground where the fans come flocking to the grounds when their team is winning, but otherwise don't want to know — e.g. Nottingham Forest.

They are not supporters, but hangers on.

COLIN LIVESEY,
MANCHESTER.

● Merseyside is one of the worst hit areas for unemployment, and money is in short supply. If all fans were like Liverpool's, football would be better off.

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England victories

I'd like to know the score, and the date, of England's highest win over each of the other British nations?

ALAN SEEDHOUSE,
NOTTINGHAM

● Scotland first, Alan — and it was by 9-3 at Wembley on 15th April, 1961. Best against Wales was 9-1 at Cardiff on 16th March, 1896.

But England's highest win against any of the other three was 13-0 against Ireland in Belfast on 18th February, 1882 — and it was also 13-2 against them, exactly 17 years later, at Sunderland on 18th February, 1899.

Mind you — with the Irish currently British Champs — we've got to admit that fings ain't wot they uster-be!

Di Stefano

Which country did the great Alfredo di Stefano play for?

NICHOLAS QUINN,
HARTLEPOOL

● Not just one, Nicholas — but THREE! Born in Buenos Aires, he first gained seven caps for his native Argentina.

Then he moved to Colombia — four more caps — before going off to Spain (where he played in seven European Cup Finals for Real Madrid between 1956 and 1964) to earn 31 more caps for that nation.

Kenny Dalglish

When did Kenny Dalglish sign for Liverpool, and against whom did he make his League debut?

IAIN DANGERFIELD,
GLOUCESTER

● Kenny signed on the Anfield dotted-line on 11th August, 1977; Iain.

He made his League debut nine days later in the 1-1 draw at Middlesbrough — and was the scorer of Liverpool's goal.

He scored, incidentally, in five of the first six League games he played for them.

SHORT PASSES

● Billy Liddell scored 216 goals in 492 League games for Liverpool between the 1946-47 and 1960-61 seasons; he scored six goals in 28 full internationals for Scotland.

(ARTHUR ROBERTS, Liverpool)

● Stenhousemuir's record win is 9-2 (v. Dundee Utd.; Scottish Div Two; 1936-37 season). Record defeat is by 11-2 (v. Dunfermline; Div Two; 1930-31).

(MICHAEL NEAL, Hampshire)



Trouble at Boundary Park, Oldham after 'fans' of Sheffield Wednesday stage an unseemly riot.

LIVER



BACK ROW (left to right): Avi Cohen, Phil Neal, Ray Clemence, Steve Dightson, Alan Hansen, Colin Irwin, Ian Rush

MIDDLE ROW: Joe Fagan (left), Fairclough, Ray Kennedy, David Jones, Ronnie Moran (coach)

POOL



Back (manager), Richard Money, David
Linton, Graeme Souness, Neil Kennedy

FRONT ROW: Jimmy Case, Steve Hoggins, Kenny Dalglish, Bob Paisley
(manager), Phil Thompson, Terry McDermott, Sammy Lee

SHOOT!

LIVERPOOL are on course to retain their stranglehold on the League Championship and win the trophy for the fifth time in six seasons.

The Reds have fully recovered from an indifferent start to the season to produce stunning form that should carry them to a hat-trick of First Division titles.

Only Huddersfield, between 1924 and 1926, and Arsenal, between 1933 and 1935, have won

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

LIVERPOOL

are hat-trick favourites

the trophy in three consecutive seasons.

Liverpool's domination of proceedings on Saturday afternoons has become as commonplace as Mr Vivian Richards scoring runs for Somerset and the West Indies, Mr Steve Ovett breasting tapes ahead of the pack at the end of 1500 metres, and Mr Willie Carson riding thoroughbreds to victory in the Classics.

Such is their domination of football in the League, with due respect to Ipswich Town, Southampton, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal, that they are rarely given the credit their performances merit. It is the price they must pay for monopolising the major competitions under Bob Paisley's astute management.

Ron Atkinson put Liverpool's contribution to the game in pers-

pective while other soccer authorities were concentrating on soccer's hooligan problem.

West Bromwich Albion's manager watched his side crash 4-0 at Anfield, Albion's record of 12 away League games without defeat in ruins, before paying Liverpool a tribute that would satisfy most clubs for a lifetime.

"They are the best passing team I have seen," remarked Atkinson.

who spends more time as a substitute or in the reserves than he does under Phil Thompson's captaincy.

Ray Clemence maintains that Liverpool reserves would be a match for most Second Division teams. Their pedigree is certainly impressive and worth studying in appraising the talent at Bob Paisley's disposal.

Their line-up at the start of the season read: Steve Ogrizovic;

Richard Money, Colin Irwin, Alan Harper, Avi Cohen; Sammy Lee, Ronnie Whelan, Kevin Sheedy, Howard Gayle; Ian Rush, Colin Russell.

Money, Irwin, Cohen, Lee, Gayle and Rush would win places in most First Division teams, and Steve Heighway, injured at the start, retains most of the burning pace and skills which combined to give right-backs nightmares but



'Supersub' David Fairclough



Ian Rush

"They hit the ball so hard and move it so fast that you don't stand a chance of getting it."

Recalling a Liverpool move early in the game, Atkinson added: "So many of their players were involved with just one touch — and they didn't even score from it. They were superb."

Generous words from a man whose team had become feared away from The Hawthorns.

Combat

Liverpool's teamwork is reminiscent of a squad of commandoes drilled for combat. The difference is that instead of firing bullets at the kill, Liverpool belt leather past goalkeepers. Liverpool have been the First Division's top scorers for two seasons and have scored more goals at home in the League this season than any other club.

Their strength is the depth of talent in their squad. England's manager Ron Greenwood insists that to win anything in the modern game, a team should not rely on a bare 11 players.

Liverpool's success supports Mr Greenwood's observation. Two of their four goals against West Brom were scored by David Fairclough,



Howard Gayle

fails to gain him a first team place now.

Bob Paisley, who has been associated with Liverpool for 42 years as player, trainer, coach and manager, says it is the best squad he has controlled. He would prefer Liverpool to play in fewer games than they do now, but finance dictates that the club must qualify for as many competitions as possible.

Comparing the old days with the modern game, Paisley says: "Everything in the '80's is geared to make football faster, such as light boots, jerseys and shorts, plus training methods.

"Yet oddly enough, soccer at times has become slower. This is when players will stroke the ball around, dwelling on it until they spy an opening, taking longer than they would in the old days.

"But then comes the pay-off — the ball suddenly released, everyone snaps into top gear and you have the modern game at its most deadly."

No team in the country is more dangerous than Liverpool rampaging forward with Kenny Dalglish as their spearhead.

By Bill Day

BLACKPOOL HAVING A BALL

THE charismatic personality of Alan Ball has quickly added an air of optimism to Bloomfield Road, Blackpool.

Last season's revenue from season tickets was a modest £24,000. At the beginning of August this season's figure was already standing at £60,000 — of which nearly 40 per cent came from new holders.

"Obviously that's not a fortune when you compare it with the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds," commented Peter Lawson, Blackpool's chairman. "But it's a hell of a step forward for us. If that trend is reflected through our attendances we should have sufficient cash to keep our heads above water.

"In the past we've always reckoned on having to sell a player to survive — now the situation is that we're surviving and the manager still has what for us is a substantial sum to spend on strengthening his squad.

"By signing Alan we've bought three men — someone who's still a very good player; someone who has the potential of becoming a very good manager and a public relations vehicle who will make people want to be associated with Blackpool and Alan Ball," Lawson explained.

"I'm certain we've got things right at the top now and I see no reason why it shouldn't go through the club. In the past people have always thought that certain members of the board picked the team, but now we've got someone of Alan's calibre to run the football side we can just sit back and watch.

'Sacrifice'

"All the players have tremendous respect for him," Lawson continued, "and they all want him and themselves to do well — even to the extent of sacrificing things and working harder. A typical example is Terry Pashley — voted Player of last season by the supporters — who reported back for pre-season training 13 pounds lighter.

"The rest of the team are certainly going to have to blend in with Alan. It's no good having Mr Perfection trying to fit in with a lot of donkeys. This is why it's vital to have a side who are prepared to work and be motivated by one of the world's greatest players."

Another cause for optimism is that Blackpool's progressive youth policy — started by Peter Doherty three years ago — is now bearing fruit. Already Andy Brocklebank, John Deary and Andy Welsh have come through the 'ranks' to the first team. And recently Eamonn Collins became the youngest player to appear for a Football League club in a competitive game when he played in the Anglo-Scottish Cup at the ripe old age of 14 years and 332 days.

"By that I don't mean that kids are automatically becoming ready for first team football," Lawson said. "What I am saying is that the sort of youngster we used to take on is now no longer good enough, and our policy is that if Manchester United aren't interested in a boy then nor are we.

"Alan's a great believer in youth," Lawson pointed out. "After all he started here as a 17-year-old. He loves kids because of their enthusiasm and willingness to run, which is why they respond to him and is also why he'll

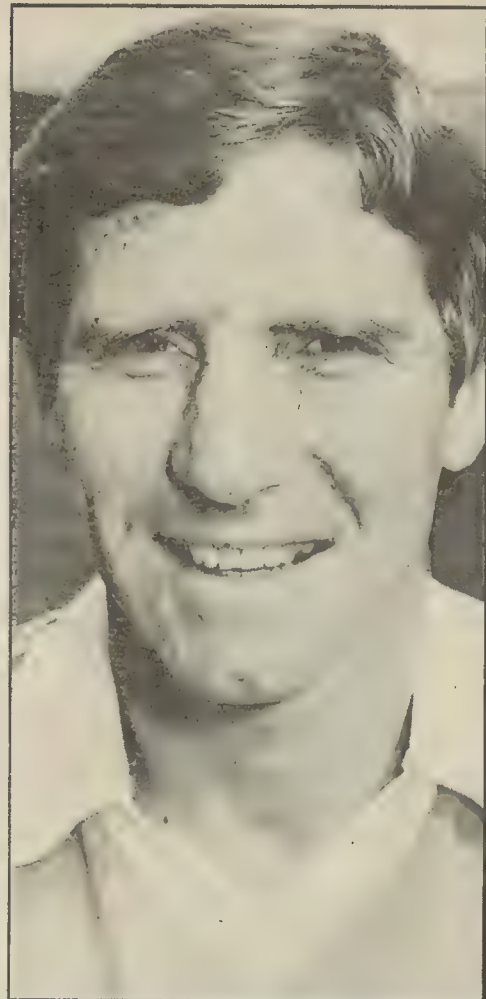
give them a chance before going into the transfer market."

Lawson attributes two factors for Blackpool's recent fall from grace — an inability to adjust to the lower Divisions and a feeling among the players that they had a divine right to return to a higher class of football.

"I can remember our first game in the Third Division when we lost 1-0 to Rotherham. We played some good football in the first-half and were unlucky not to have scored, only to see them chase everything in the second-half and finish up with the points. It proved that this Division is all about battlers," he said.

The eternal optimism of Blackpool's General Manager, Freddy Scott, played an important part in preventing the club plunging even further last season but Lawson is convinced it was his board making a firm decision about Ball which sparked off their 11th hour revival.

"It was an odd situation because at the time Alan was playing for Vancouver Whitecaps 3,000 miles away. Even so, the news seemed rather like a breath of fresh air going through the club and the town," Lawson reflected.



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"See what I mean, boss? They're great until it comes to the crunch."

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Second Division

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Kendall (pen), Garner) 8,465
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Blackburn: Arnold, Rathbone, Keeley, Fazackerley, Branigan, Brotherston, Kendall (Craig), McKenzie, Speight, Crawford, Garner.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Kealy, Griffin, Leonard (Cross), Tong, Lindsay, Turner, Potts, Dungworth, Biggins.

BRISTOL R (2) 2 (McCaffrey, Moore (o.g.)) 4,461
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Cumming 2)
 Bristol R: Thomas, Gillies, Hughes, McCaffrey, Williams, Bate, Mabbutt, Lee, Barrowclough, Penny, Bates.
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Wiggington, Crombie, Moore, Broly, Waters, Mitchell, Cumming, Drinkell, Ford.

CARDIFF (2) 4 (Stevens 2, Dwyer, Buchanan) 5,649
ORIENT (2) 2 (Parsons, Jennings)
 Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozi, Jennings, Mayo, Bowies, Coates (Margerison).

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Chivers) 23,381
QPR (1) 1 (Langley)
 Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Viljoen, Pates, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Lee, Walker (Bumstead), Nutton.
 QPR: Woods, McCreery, Gilard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, Fereday, Shanks, Langley, Currie, Burke (Neal).

DERBY (1) 1 (Swindlehurst) 17,378
BOLTON (0) 0
 Derby: Jones, Emery, Osgood, Ramage, Buckley, Clark, Powell (S), Powell (B), Biley, Swindlehurst (Wilson), Emsen.
 Bolton: Peacock, Clement, Jones, Welsh, Burke, Gowling, Cantello, Hoggan, Carter, Whatmore, Kidd.



NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Hibbitt, Koenen) 13,164
LUTON (1) 1 (Stein)
 Newcastle: Hardwick, Carney, Davies, Walker, Boam, Barton (Horton), Koenen, Hibbitt, Rafferty, Shoulder, Nicholson.
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby (Aizlewood), Price, Stein, Antic, Bunn, Hill, Moss.

SHEFF. WED (2) 3 (McCulloch 2, King) 16,724
PRESTON (0) 0
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Smith, Pickering, Grant, Owen, King, Taylor, Johnson, Curran, McCulloch.
 Preston: Tunks, Cameron, Baxter, Blackley, McAteer, Bell, Sayer, Burns (Doyle), Coleman, McGee, Bruce.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Fallon (o.g.)) 11,112
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Finney)
 Swansea: Stewart, Ens, Stevenson, Phillips, Rushbury, Giles, Robinson, Attley, James (R), Toshack (Mehoney), James (L).
 Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Smith, Fallon, Murray, Gibbins, Streete, O'Neill, Reilly (Evans), Finney, Christie.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Patching) 10,450
BRISTOL C (0) 0
 Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Roston.
 Bristol C: Cashley, Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Hay, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Mann, Pritchard (Garland).

WEST HAM (1) 4 (Cross, Goddard 2, Stewart (pen)) 21,769
NOTTS CO. (0) 0
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
 Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie (Mair), Hunt, Hooks.

WREXHAM (1) 3 (McNeil 2, Vinter) 5,176
OLDHAM (1) 2 (Wylde 2)
 Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Jones (J), Jones (F), Dwyer, Carrodus, Sutton, Cartwright, Vinter, Edwards (Fox), McNeil.
 Oldham: McDonnell, Hoodickin Clements (Steel), Hurst, Blair, Atkinson, Keegan, Fitcher, Kowenicki, Stainrod, Wylde.

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Glavin, Evans) 17,478
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Butlin)

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Gregory, Showers) 8,352

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Hamilton)
NEWPORT (2) 4 (Aldridge, Eisey, Gwyther, Moore) 2,859

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Walker, Robinson)
BURNLEY (0) 0 5,445

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Crawford, Bonnyman)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 5,535

EXETER (1) 4 (Neville, Giles, Delves, Kellow (pen)) 3,918
COLCHESTER (0) 0

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton)
CHESTER (0) 0 3,264

OXFORD 0
PLYMOUTH 0 3,398

READING (1) 4 (Earles, Webb, Bowman (pen), Dixon)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes) 6,405

ROTHERHAM 0
HUDDERSFIELD 0 6,961

WALSALL (1) 2 (Hill (o.g.), Buckley)
BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Walker, Hill, Funnell) 4,586

Fourth Division

BURY (1) 1 (Whitehead)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Charlton, Skipper) 2,268

CREWE (0) 0
LINCOLN (1) 3 (Hobson 2, Prohett (o.g.)) 2,121

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Bird)
DONCASTER (0) 0 2,110

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Jones (G))
YORK (0) 1 (Ford) 2,757

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Cooke, Foster)
BRADFORD C (0) 2 (McNiven, Staniforth) 4,009

PORT VALE 0
MANSFIELD 0 2,558

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (O'Berg)
WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Driver 2) 1,624

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Bourne, Fell)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 2,532

WIGAN (1) 1 (Wright)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 4,300

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Second Round second-leg)

ARBROATH (0) 0
DUNDEE (1) 3 (Sinclair, Fletcher, McLaren) 2,485
 (Dundee win 5-0 on agg)

AYR (0) 1 (Cashmere)
QOS (0) 0 2,660
 (Ayr win 3-1 on agg)

BERWICK (0) 0
ABERDEEN (3) 4 (Strachan, Hewitt, de Clerc, Kennedy) 1,088
 (Aberdeen win 12-1 on agg)

CELTIC (1) 6 (Sullivan, Burns 2, Provan, Nicholas 2)
STIRLING (1) 1 (McPhee) 16,000
 (After Extra-time. Celtic win 6-2 on agg)

CLYDE (0) 2 (Dolan 2)
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell) 600
 (Clyde win 2-1 on agg)

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CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Houston, Dunn (o.g.))
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Jobson) 500
 (Clydebank win 4-2 on agg)

COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Liddle)
DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Hegarty, Ward 2, Sturrock) 1,232
 (Dundee Utd win 8-1 on agg)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton)
KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Clark, McBride) 3,500
 (Kilmarnock win 2-1 on agg)

HIBS (1) 1 (Hamill)
ALLOA (1) 1 (Macintosh) 2,500
 (Hibs win 3-1 on agg)

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Milne)
HEARTS (3) 3 (Robertson (C) 3) 1,600
 (Hearts win 5-2 on agg)

MOTHERWELL (1) 6 (Clinging 2, Kidd, McLaughlin 3)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Kirkland) 1,839
 (Motherwell win 6-1 on agg)

QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Irving)
PARTICK (0) 1 (Watson) 1,472
 (Partick win 4-2 on agg)

RAITH (0) 1 (Lawson)
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Gallacher (B)) 1,750
 (After extra-time. Raith win 2-1 on agg)

RANGERS (2) 3 (Miller (pen), Johnstone (D), McAdam (pen))
FORFAR (1) 1 (Robb) 15,000
 (Rangers win 5-1 on agg)

STRANRAER (0) 0
HAMILTON (1) 2 (Wright, Howie) 500
 (Hamilton win 7-1 on agg)

ST MIRREN (2) 5 (Richardson, Somner 3, Stark)
ALBION ROVERS (0) 0 3,770
 (St Mirren win 7-1 on agg)

Tuesday, September 2

Football League Cup

(Second Round second-leg)
ARSENAL (1) 3 (Hollins pen, Sunderland, Walford)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Charles) 26,399
 Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
 Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Rushbury, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, James (R), James (L), Charles, Toshack.
 (Arsenal win 4-2 on agg)

BARNLEY (0) 4 (Riley, Glavin 3)
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Parkinson, McClelland) 10,566
 (Barnley win 4-2 on agg)

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 6,958
 Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Tainton, How, Hay, Merrick, Whitehead, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Doyle, Garland.
 Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Bertschin, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.
 (Birmingham win 2-1 on agg)

BURY (1) 1 (Bradley)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 4,348
 Bury: Forrest, Hesford, Kennedy, Halford, Bradley, Waddington, Mullen, Butler, Johnson, Waldron, Madden.
 Newcastle: Hardwick, Carney, Boam, Davies, Wharton (Mitchell), Hibbitt, Koenen, Shoulder, Rafferty, Shinton, Walker.
 (AET. Bury win on away goals)

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Walsh 2)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Hamilton) 5,160
 (Charlton win 4-2 on agg)

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Blair)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0 18,705
 Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Jones, Bannister, Daly, Thompson (Thomas), English, Hunt.
 Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff, Ritchie, Macari, Thomas.
 (Coventry win 2-0 on agg)

C PALACE (0) 2 (Allen, Francis)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Kidd) 14,764
 C Palace: Barron, Lovell, Fenwick, Murphy (Brooks), Cannon, Gilbert, Smilie, Francis, Allen, Flanagan, Hilaire.
 Bolton: Peacock, Clement, Burke, Cantello, Jones (Nowak), Walsh, Gowling, Whatmore, Carter, Kidd, Hodgson.
 (C Palace win 5-1 on agg)

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Bruce)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (McKenzie, Stonehouse pen) 6,315
 Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Ford, Overton (Westwood), Weatherley, Hughes, Bruce, Duncan, Price, Henderson, Adams.
 Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, DeVries, Round, Kaeley, Fazackerly, Brotherston, Crawford (Stonehouse), Garner, McKenzie, Speight.
 (AET Blackburn win 2-1 on agg)



IPSWICH (2) 3 (Osman, Mariner 2)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 14,780
 Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Craig, Bailey, Angus, Natrass, McAndrew, Proctor, Hedley, Hodgson, Shearer, Armstrong.
 (Ipswich win 4-3 on agg)

LIVERPOOL (3) 4 (Dalglish 2, Kennedy (R), Chapman (og))
BRADFORD (0) 0 21,017
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson (Fairclough), McDermott, Souness.
 Bradford: Smith, Podd, Wood, Robertson, Jackson, Cooper, Dolan, Staniforth, Campbell, McNiven, Chapman.
 (Liverpool win 4-1 on agg)

LUTON (0) 1 (Saxby)
READING (0) 1 (Hetzke) 5,707
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Aizlewood, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Heath (Ingram).
 Reading: Death, Joslyn, Cheetham, Bowman, Hicks, Hetzke, Earles, Wanklyn, Dixon, Sanchez, Beavon.
 (Luton win 3-1 on agg)

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (O'Brien pen, Christie)
NEWPORT (0) 0 4,714
 Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Mair.
 Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Davies, Oakes, Tynan, Vaughan, Lowndes, Gwyther (Else), Aldridge, Moore.
 (Notts County win 3-1 on agg)

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Laidlaw)
OLDHAM (0) 0 18,548
 Portsmouth: Mellor, McLaughlin, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Garner, Gregory, Laidlaw, Showers, Bryant, Rogers.
 Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Blair, Kowenicki (Heaton), Clements, Hurst, Wyldie, Fletcher, Stainrod, Keegan, Atkinson.
 (AET Portsmouth win on away goals)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 3 (Owen, Grant, Curran)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Cork) 15,151
 Sheff Wed: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, King, Taylor, Johnson, Owen, McCulloch, Curran.
 Wimbledon: Goddard, Brown, Perkins, Galliers, Smith, Cunningham, Davies, Downes, Leslie, Cork, Driver.
 (Sheff Wed win 4-3 on agg)

SWINDON (0) 2 (Mayes 2)
LINCOLN (0) 0 4,907
 (Swindon win 3-1 on agg)

WATFORD (2) 7 (Poskett 2, Train, Patching, Bolton pen, Jenkins, Callaghan)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Sims (og)) 15,992
 Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Roston.
 Southampton: Katalinic, Waldron, McCartney, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Hebbard, Channon, George, Holmes, Baker.
 (AET Watford win 7-5 on agg)

WEST HAM (1) 4 (Stewart pen, Goddard, Wood (og), Pike)
BURNLEY (0) 0 15,216
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland (Allen), Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
 Burnley: Stevenson, Laws, Holt, Scott (Wood), Dobson, Overson, Cassidy, Young, Hamilton, Taylor, Cavenor.
 (West Ham win 6-0 on agg)

WOLVES (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Streete) 15,216
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes, Barry, Villasanz, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
 Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Smith, Murray, Falton, Gibbins, Streete, Stringer, Finney, Christie.
 (Cambridge win 4-1 on agg)

Scottish Second

QoS (0) 1 (Dixon)
ALLOA (1) 1 (McIntosh) 1,000

Wednesday, September 3

European Cup-Winners' Cup

(Preliminary Round, second-leg)
DIOSGYOER (1) 2 (Georgei 2)
CELTIC (1) 1 (Nicholas) 5,000
 Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas.
 (Celtic win 7-2 on agg)

Football League Cup

(Second Round, second-leg)
BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (McEwan (pen), Fletcher)
EVERTON (0) 2 (Latchford 2) 10,579
 Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Williams, Doyle, McEwan, Sbragia, Morris, Hockaday, MacDougall, Ball, Harrison.
 Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Ratcliffe (Bailey), Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.
 (Everton win 5-2 on agg)

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Faulkner og)
YORK (0) 0 3,047
 Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bate, McCaffrey, Mabbutt, Hughes, Barrowclough (Jones), Williams, Bates, Lee, Pulis.
 York: Blackburn, Kay, Walsh, Richards, Faulkner, Craig, Ford (Byrne), Smith, Eccles, McDonald, Hood.
 (AET Bristol Rovers win on away goals)

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Droy)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Kitchen) 12,959
 Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy (Walker), Chivers, Britton, Filleray, Lee, Frost, Viljoen.
 Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.
 (Cardiff win 2-1 on agg)

DERBY (0) 0
Q.P.R. (0) 0 16,728
 Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), Osgeod, Ramage, Powell (B), Clarke, Biley, Swindlehurst (Wilson), Emson.
 Q.P.R.: Woods, McCreery, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Reader, Fareday, Shanks, Langley, Currie (Neal), Hill.
 (AET Q.P.R. win on penalties)

LEEDS (1) 1 (Graham)
ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Withe, Shaw 2) 12,236
 Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Greenhoff, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Parlane, Hamson (Harris), Connor, Sabella, Graham.
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw (Deacy), Withe, Cowans, Morley.
 (Aston Villa win 4-1 on agg)

LEICESTER (0) 0
WBA (0) 1 (Regis) 17,081
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Peake (Grewcock), May, O'Neill, Goodwin, Melrose, Young, Wilson, Henderson.
 WBA: Godden, Trewhick, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Bennett, Brown, Regis, Owen, Barnes.
 (WBA win 2-0 on agg)

MANCHESTER CITY (2) 3 (Henry, Bennett 2)
STOKE (0) 0 21,356
 Man City: MacRae, Ranson, Reid, Booth, Caton, Henry, Bennett, Daley, Mackenzie, Power, Reeves.
 Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, Thorley, Richardson, Johnson (PA), Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire.
 (Man City win 4-1 on agg)

NORWICH (0) 2 (Royle, Fashanu)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 9,185
 Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Downs, Barham, Forbes,

Powell, Woods, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Bennett.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins (Lindsay), Dungworth, Potts.
 (Norwich win 3-1 on agg)

OXFORD (1) 3 (Shotton (pen), Brock, Lythgoe)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 3,085
 (Oxford win 4-3 on agg)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke)
NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (Mills) 11,503
 Peterborough: Waugh, McVay, Phillips, Hodgson, Slack, Foster, Quow, Kelloock, Cooke, Syrett, Cliss (Lambert).
 Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, Ponte, Bowyer, Birtles, Mills, Robertson.
 (Forest win 4-1 on agg.)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Cummins)
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Sunley, Sword pen) 17,346
 Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Marangoni (Rowell), Chisholm, Arnott, Hawley, Brown, Cummins.
 Stockport: Lawson, Rutter, Sherlock, Fowler, Sword, Uzelac, Williams, Sunley, Bradd, Galvin, Coyle.
 (Stockport win 3-2 on agg.)

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Archibald 2, Crooks)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Jennings) 25,443
 Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Hughton, Yorath, Lacy, Peryman, Ardiles (Taylor), Archibald, Villa, Huddle, Crooks.
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozi, Jennings (Moore), Mayo, Bowles, (Margerson).
 (Tottenham win 4-1 on agg.)

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Kerr, Bramhall)
BRIGHTON (1) 4 (Robinson 2, Foster, Williams) 4,390
 Tranmere: Johnson, Parry, Mathias, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, Mungall, Kerr, Lumby, Beamish, Kelly.
 Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, McHale, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.
 (Brighton win 7-3 on agg.)

WIGAN (1) 1 (Wright)
PRESTON (2) 2 (McGee, Coleman) 9,692
 Wigan: Brown, Fretwell, Whittle, Gore, Methven, Davids, McMullen, Wright, Houghton, Hutchinson, Quinn (M), (Quinn T).
 Preston: Tunks, Cameron, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Houston, Bruce.
 (Preston win 3-1 on agg.)

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Third Round, first-leg)
CLYDE (0) 0
HIBS (1) 2 (Rae, McLeod) 1,300
DUNDEE (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 0 4,317
HEARTS (1) 2 (Robertson, Bowman)
AYR (1) 3 (Connor 2 (1 pen.), Cashmore) 5,364

MOTHERWELL (2) 2 (McKeever, Clinging)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Addison) 3,327

PARTICK (1) 2 (Gibson 2)
ST. MIRREN (0) 0 4,000

RAITH (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Houston) 2,000

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam)
ABERDEEN (0) 0 30,000

Scottish First

FALKIRK (1) 6 (Spence, Hay 3, Perry, Brown)
BERWICK (0) 0 1,500

ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0
E. STIRLING (1) 2 (Lamont, Craig) 1,258

Scottish Second

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Forsyth)
MONTROSE (1) 4 (Murray 2, Taylor, Forrest) 742

BRECHIN (2) 2 (Henderson, Campbell)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Murray) 400

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Steele)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Harvey) 200

E. FIFE (1) 2 (Clarke, Mitchell)
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Downie) 511

FORFAR (0) 1 (Clark pen.)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McGregor) 498



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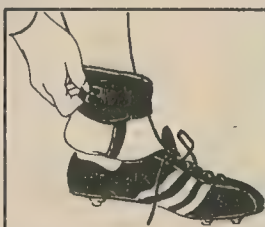
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Hugh Sproat in action for Ayr United against Rangers. The flamboyant goalkeeper has since followed manager Ally MacLeod to Motherwell for £100,000.



SPROAT LEADS

ALLY'S NEW ARMY

HUGH Sproat, Scotland's most expensive goalkeeper after his £100,000 transfer from Ayr United to Motherwell last season, had the sort of start to the new programme that brings on frightening nightmares.

Sproat and his Motherwell colleagues — tipped by many experts as certainties for promotion to the Premier Division — travelled to his old ground at Somerset Park for the opening game of the season.

Ayr hammered five goals past Sproat without reply and the goalkeeper came off the pitch looking as though he had been hit by a sledgehammer.

"To make matters even worse, I was booked," says Sproat. "It was just one of those afternoons. If we played the game again tomorrow it would be a different story and a different scoreline."

It was a shattering kick-off for Motherwell manager Ally MacLeod, the former Scotland supremo, who sincerely believes that his team are the best in the First Division.

That wasn't evident in the game against Ayr and it was difficult to believe that Motherwell had bought Ayr's two best players in Sproat and midfielder Brian McLaughlin, another £100,000 purchase, but were still on the receiving end of such a thrashing.

McLaughlin, like Sproat, must have felt the frustration mounting for he, too, was booked.

"It underlines just how hard it will be for us to get into the Premier Division," says Sproat. "Obviously we can take nothing for granted. There are some very capable teams in the First Division.

"Good luck to my old mates at Somerset Park, but they must remember that they will meet us again in another two League games during the season.

"They may have won the first round, but I reckon we can take the next two. Certainly we have been well warned about what they can do!"

Sproat — an extrovert character who likes to entertain the fans with his colourful antics — is highly rated throughout Scotland. He is a dedicated professional, though, and there was even a chance of him going to Argentina in the World Cup two years ago as third choice goalkeeper. Ally MacLeod was, of course, the Scottish boss at the time.

MacLeod and Sproat have followed each other around the football scene in much the same way John McGovern, the Nottingham Forest skipper, has followed controversial Brian Clough.

It was MacLeod who gave Sproat — a former chimney sweep



Ally MacLeod

— his first big chance at Ayr United before he moved into the Aberdeen hot seat.

After the never-to-be-forgotten stint as international manager, MacLeod returned briefly to Ayr United and was again impressed by Sproat.

When MacLeod moved to Motherwell he wasn't happy with the goalkeeper's position and no one was surprised when he parted with £100,000 to bring Sproat to Fir Park.

Now they are both hoping to gatecrash the Premier Division and show the soccer world that Ayr United's 5-0 victory was not a pointer to their real form.

"It may work out as a good thing in the long run," says Sproat. "You must try to take some good from the bad."

Sproat in that sort of determined mood will make every forward line work hard for goals against Motherwell in future games.

Meadowbank mystery

Scotland's capital city is in decline. Certainly in soccer terms at the moment.

With both Hibs and Hearts failing to recapture their glorious trophy-winning past over recent seasons no one could really blame the success-starved Edinburgh public for switching allegiance to a more prolific or promising club close-at-hand.

Unfortunately for Second Division Meadowbank Thistle, this has not been the case.

Elected to the Scottish League in 1974 due to the need for another club to make up the numbers in Scotland's new League reconstruction programme, The Jags have found the last six years traumatic to say the least.

Before they were thrust into the harsh reality of Scottish Second Division life they were a successful East of Scotland League team playing under the name of Ferranti Thistle, a works side for the giant electronics firm based in Edinburgh since 1943.

Major Factor

On application for a place in the Scottish League their name changed due to the fact that the huge Meadowbank Sporting Complex, which housed the 1970 Commonwealth Games was put at the club's disposal. The facilities available to contain home matches were a major factor in Thistle's resultant election over five Highland League teams.

Meadowbank have a loyal band of supporters taken mostly from the Ferranti factory which continues to sponsor the team and all their home fixtures. But compared to their city rivals they are few and far between and the average home gate of just over 250 emphasises the state of the club.

Thistle chairman John Blacklaw points out: "Sometimes you can't help feeling that we are a forgotten club."

"If Hibs or Hearts have a slump a majority of their fans just simply stay away from football rather than watch someone else."

'Content'

"Even if Hibs and Hearts are away on the same day their non-travelling followers seem content to spend Saturday afternoon in front of the TV," says manager Willie McFarlane, himself an ex-Easter Road favourite in his playing days in the 50's and a former Hibs manager in the early 1970's.

"Despite our excellent facilities, no one has taken a blind bit of notice."

Although Thistle haven't exactly set the world alight in their first six seasons as a senior club, the team does not deserve the apathy they have received.

Among their ranks they have players such as Kenny Davidson, who many pundits tipped for a place in Scotland's 1974 World Cup side when with Hibs.

Former Raith Rovers and Cowdenbeath striker John Jobson is another player who has the capabilities to pull Meadowbank out of the doldrums.

One or two promotion contenders fell to the young Meadowbank side last season, and despite another unsure start this time it is hoped that Thistle will turn on the style against more fancied sides thus giving them the Press and radio coverage they so desperately need.

It is doubtful that Meadowbank will have enough fight to take them into a higher Division this season, but with Hibs looking as if they might not have it all their own way in their attempts to regain Premier Division status and Hearts already being named as relegation candidates, the "Wee yin's" of Edinburgh might yet gain the curiosity of one or two parties before April.

The man behind Maradona

EVERYBODY knows that top footballers have agents — the men who take their traditional percentage in return for organising the players' business interests.

Argentina's 19-year-old superstar Diego Maradona is no exception, but the man behind South America's number one is an agent with a difference — not only because he goes by the almost unpronounceable name of Jorge Czyterszpiller!

Here's how he describes himself and his relationship with the hottest footballing property in the world...

"I WAS born on August 9th, 1958, just round the corner from the Argentinos Juniors ground. At the age of two I had polio, and that's why I am crippled."

"Then I saw how my father's illness was consuming all the savings he'd worked all his life for. Then my brother died at the age of 24. Not a funny story, is it? That's why I keep quiet about it — in case people think that I'm trying to win sympathy."

"But the hard times made me feel even stronger, and I became determined to succeed in a world that rejects invalids."

"I tried to be cheerful and act normal, but girls avoided me at dances and one girl's father told me he didn't want his daughter to go round with a useless cripple. It hurt, but it made me tougher and more determined to succeed."

"Anyway, football is my big passion in life, and I'd always been a fanatical supporter of Diego's club Argentinos. I remember my brother telling me before he died to stay in football like the rest of the family."

"He'd been an Argentinos player,

and I got into administration of the club. But I soon got out again, because I was disgusted by some of the things I saw."

"I first met Diego when he played for Argentinos kids team Las Cebollitas. All the team used to visit me, but I got on especially well with Diego. I always said he'd be a great player, but I didn't imagine that he'd be the world's number one as a teenager."

"I first started handling Diego's affairs during the South American Youth Championship in 1977. I was flat broke, but the lads helped me travel with the team. Diego agreed that he needed someone to look after all the details of his career, leaving him to concentrate on playing football and nothing else."

"We've never signed a contract or anything like that — it's simply an agreement between friends. And I don't take a percentage of his earnings either. Diego just gives me what I need."

"He doesn't stop to count it out, he just gives me a roll of notes. OK, everybody needs money, but my satis-



● Czyterszpiller as seen by the Argentine sports paper Golez/Match.

faction is simply being Diego's friend, sharing his life and watching him play. Being part of the triumphs and the disappointments."

"The money is just incidental compared with these things, but it'll be used to put down a firm base for Diego and his family to live comfortably for the rest of their lives. As for me, my ambition is simply to remain Diego's friend."

"At heart I'm a footballer too — but my body says no. What I'd give to play just five minutes alongside Diego in a stadium packed with people."

SOMEONE is alleged to have tried to bribe River Plate's international goalkeeper 'Pato' Fillol before their recent League match against relegation-threatened Quilmes.

The briber offered cash if River would drop a point and, although Fillol refused to have anything to do with the bribe, the River players knew they had to win the game to allay all suspicions.

Things looked dicey with the scores at 1-1, but late goals from Ramón Díaz and Leopoldo Luque gave River a 'suspicion-free' 3-1 win.

Busy Havelange

WITH U.E.F.A. chairman Aremio Franchi (Italy) declining to stand for election as President of F.I.F.A. João Havelange has apparently decided to seek re-election for a third term. He is also considering an offer of an appointment in Brazil, as Secretary of State for Sport, so he will be double-busy if he succeeds to both jobs.



REAL Madrid have just revised their salary and bonus structure for the new season, so Laurie Cunningham and his team-mates will receive £660 per month salary in addition to their annual signing-on fees (around £100,000 in Laurie's case).

The bonuses are £415 per head for an away draw; £500 for a home win; and £620 for an away victory.

State of the LEAGUES

TURKEY

TURKEY has been Europe's lowest-scoring League in recent years, beating even the expert Italians for shyness in front of goal. But this year they got off to an explosive start with an unprecedented 23 goals in the opening eight games. Only two teams failed to score, and Galatasaray ran in four goals against Eskisehirspor!

ITALY

THE Italian League started in traditional style, with only two sides — Inter Milan and Avellino — scoring more than one goal. Liam Brady and Juventus opened their League account with a 1-1 draw against Cagliari.

Mind you, some of Italy's new imports are already realising just what they've let themselves in for. A case in point is Argentina's World Cup winger Daniel Bertonni who, during his first Italian Cup outing for Fiorentina against Atalanta was shown the red

card for punching Atalanta defender Mandorini.

"I'd had enough," said Bertonni. "All the game he'd been kicking me, punching me and body-checking me, and in the end I blew a gasket..."

BELGIUM

ANDERLECHT and Berchem had maximum points after three matches, but I wonder what Jimmy Adamson thinks of Beerschot's George Knobel? The former manager of the Dutch national team is in charge of Beerschot, bottom of the League without a point. He tried to resign... but the club wouldn't accept his resignation! (all played three)

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	3	0	0	13	3	6
Berchem	3	0	0	6	1	6
Standard	2	1	0	11	4	5
Cercle Bruges	2	1	0	9	5	5
RWDM	2	1	0	5	2	5

WEST GERMANY

TONY Woodcock's Cologne have made a slow start to the Bundesliga. After six games they had only four points. Champions Bayern led the way, averaging three goals per game, with European Footballer of the Year elect Karl-Heinz Rummenigge top of the goal table.



Tony Woodcock scores Cologne's fifth goal in their 6-0 German Cup victory over Emsdetten 05.

Do Brazil need Zico?

BRAZILIAN coach Telé Santana may have found a substitute for Zico in the Brazilian team. His name is Renato and he plays for São Paulo FC.

What Telé likes about Renato is what he calls his 'guts' to play the game. Renato is highly technical and skilful, but he puts a lot of effort in his game, accepts the idea that he is also supposed to win the ball, not just play it after it is won by his team-mates, and is not afraid of being tackled.

The fact that he likes Renato doesn't mean that Telé Santana dislikes Zico. But the truth of the matter remains that Zico has never shown in the Brazilian team the standard he displays in playing for Flamengo.

And it is no secret in Brazil that Flamengo's board like to make things difficult for the Brazilian F.A. (CBF).

The most recent example is that they instructed Zico to tell Telé that he wouldn't be fit to play Uruguay on August 27. After saying that, Zico improved rapidly and travelled to Europe to play for Flamengo in Spain.

Telé didn't say anything, but clearly felt that he had been tricked. He now hopes Renato fulfils all his hopes. If he does, Telé might not need Zico in the near future.

RENE WANTS TO PLAY IN ENGLAND

RENE VAN der Kerkhof was one of the few players to emerge with credit from Holland's disappointing European Championship performance. At that stage he'd signed a lucrative contract with Italian side Lazio, but at the start of the new season he found himself back in Holland with PSV Eindhoven, limbering up for the U.E.F.A. Cup-ties with Wolves (the second is next week) and his 11th League campaign with the Dutch club.

SHOOT: Why exactly did your move to Lazio fall through?

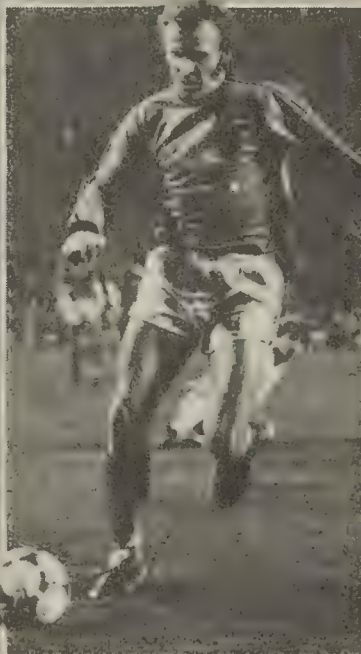
VAN DER KERKHOF: The crunch came when the Italian authorities banned three of their players, Giordano, Wilson and Manfredonia, for being involved in that pools scandal. Then they decided that Lazio should be relegated. As only First Division teams are allowed to sign foreign players, that meant that my contract was illegal. I had agreed to play in Rome for three years with an option for one extra year, and I had gone to the Lazio training camp on July 1st with the rest of the squad. The fatal news arrived after I'd been there ten days, and I can't describe the atmosphere of depression among the players. Anyway I just had to come back to Holland.

SHOOT: You sound as though you're disappointed to be back at PSV.

VAN DER KERKHOF: I'm not disappointed, but within a few weeks you may have news that I have moved to another club.

SHOOT: Are you thinking of joining fellow Dutchmen like Cruyff, Neeskens and Krol in U.S. soccer?

VAN DER KERKHOF: It's a difficult decision for me. I would like to stay in Europe for at least another two years and represent my country in the 1982



World Cup. But it that's not possible, then I will go to the United States. Let's just say that, as things stand, there's an 80 or 90 per cent probability that I'll cross the Atlantic.

SHOOT: You're obviously looking for a move that will be attractive financially — at 28 perhaps this is the most important contract of your career?

VAN DER KERKHOF: Yes, it is important. I have four or five years of top-

football left and I must decide where I want to go. At the moment I'm with PSV, but hope not for too long!

SHOOT: Why are you so keen to leave PSV? Are Dutch players poorly paid in comparison with other countries?

VAN DER KERKHOF: Oh no! I have a very good contract with PSV. But it isn't the money. For me it's the idea of an adventure in another country that appeals to me. I've been with PSV for ten years, and know the Dutch scene inside out. I know all the teams, all the players, all the stadiums, all the referees. And sometimes when we play maybe there are only 2,000 or 3,000 fans to watch. I would love to play in a different country with a club that attracts big crowds and where there is a lot more passion among fans. Spain, Italy, USA ...

SHOOT: Not England?

VAN DER KERKHOF: Oh yes, I like English football, and I watch two or three English games on T.V. every weekend. Unfortunately, I haven't received any offers! I would like to stay in Europe, because if I go to the USA it means my international career is finished.

SHOOT: Dutch clubs don't dominate Europe these days, do they?

VAN DER KERKHOF: Not in the same way as Feyenoord and Ajax did, no. Here I think that the problem is that so many of the top players have left the country and have been replaced by imported ones. I think PSV are probably the strongest side in the country at the moment. We've won the League three times in the last four years, and had success in Europe. Perhaps now the star players are overseas there isn't as much difference as before between the top four teams.

£33,000 a year for nothing!

BARCELONA are not always renowned for the wisdom of their signings, and in recent years several expensive players have come and gone without ever making the first team.

Now the Spanish club has a strange problem with midfielder Rubio, signed from Sevilla for £175,000 in the middle of last season.

Rubio made 18 first team appearances, but new manager Kubala has decided that he isn't good enough and has put him on the transfer list. Hercules made a good offer ... but Rubio refuses to leave.

"I've got a good contract for two more years," says Rubio, "and I'd prefer to see it through."

Kubala insists that Rubio won't play, and he hasn't even been registered as a Barcelona player. So the 28-year-old midfielder looks like spending the next two seasons doing nothing ... and picking up £33,000 a year for doing it!

FOREIGNERS IN AUSTRIA



IN THE ten club Austrian Bundesliga each team is allowed to engage three foreign players, but money is so tight, and talent so hard to find, that only 16 overseas stars have been engaged compared to the 30 permitted.

Most popular are the players from Eastern Europe because they are free transfers.

Best-known are Ladislav Kuna, a former Czech international inside-forward (Admira Wacker, Vienna); Koloman Gögh (above) who played for the Czech team that recently took third place in Europe, (VOEST Linz) and the first Russian player ever to be allowed to play in the West: Ivan Sintschenko, formerly with Zenith Leningrad (SC Rapid, Vienna).

There are also two foreigners amongst the ten manager-coaches: Halama (Czech) and Baric (Yugoslav) who are in charge of the two Graz clubs, Sturn Graz and Grazer AK.

FOOTBALL is catching on quickly in India, but they have just suffered their worst-ever disaster.

At a needle game between East Bengal and Mohun Bagan in Calcutta, more than 85,000 turned up.

At the end someone forgot to open the exit doors, and in the panic that followed two fans were crushed to death and more than a hundred hospitalised.

(all played six)	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	5	0	1	18	8	10
HSV	4	1	1	14	7	9
Dortmund	4	1	1	15	9	9
Frankfurt	4	0	2	13	8	8
Kaiserslautern	3	2	1	8	4	8
Duisburg	2	4	0	8	4	8
Stuttgart	3	1	2	13	9	7
Bochum	1	5	0	7	5	7
Mönchengladbach	3	1	2	12	11	7
Düsseldorf	3	1	2	10	9	7

● Photo shows a protest-banner at Cologne/Bochum. "Hedergott (Cologne manager) out — Schuster and Woody to stay." Next week in SHOOT you can read what Tony told me about the current problems at the club.



News flashes

● German star Klaus Topmoller of Dallas Tornado announced at the start of the NASL season that he was willing to bet Cosmos striker Giorgio Chinaglia £1,250 that he would score more goals. Giorgio has rattled in 40, while Topmoller's struggling to reach double figures.



● I hear Paul Breitner (above) is interested in a career in the United States. The Bayern Munich midfield player fancies Florida, which makes Tampa Bay favourites.

● Brazil's Maracana is 30 years old. Almost 2,800 games have been played there before around 87 million fans. Biggest attendance is 221,859 (Brazil v Uruguay, 1950)

with 357 the smallest (Olaria v Portuguesa, 1963).

● Confusing situation in Belgium over the transfer of Bernard Verhecke. He was 'transferred' from FC Bruges to RWD Molenbeek during the transfer period, but the RWD secretary forgot to sign the forms, so the move was invalidated. Verhecke had to return to Bruges, but refuses to play for them. A compromise is being sought.

● Belgium captain Julien Cools, 33, has moved from midfield to right-back for Beerschot this season.

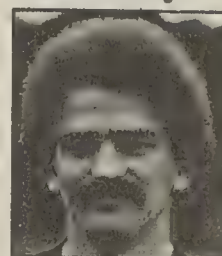
● Bayern Munich players receive a bonus of £500 for every point this season away from home, with a £750 bonus for a home win. Winning the Bundesliga will net each player an extra £7,500, the Cup 'only' £5,000.

● The Brazilian F.A. has stipulated that all players sold abroad MUST have a clause in their contract allowing them to play for Brazil when required, regardless of the club's requirements.

● Italy goalkeeper, Dino Zoff, 38, has set his sights

on being in Spain, 1982, for the World Cup. "Men of 45 are going to the moon — my trip is only to Spain," he says.

● Fans of MSV Duisburg raised £7,000 to help keep the Austrian Kurt Jara with the West German club. Then Jara refused to stay anyway and was transferred to Schalke 04. Now MSV don't know what to do with the money. The board is split: whether to lower admission fees or donate it to the Far East refugees.

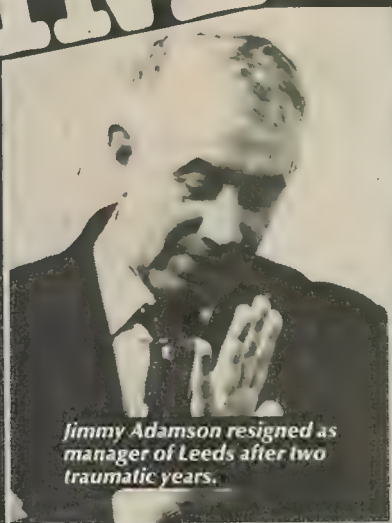


● Having transferred super-star Herbert Prohaska (above) to Inter-Milan, FK Austria have invested part of the transfer fee in 25-year-old Claudio Adao. He comes from Flamengo (Brazil) and to date his greatest claim to fame is that he played with Pele when he was 15.

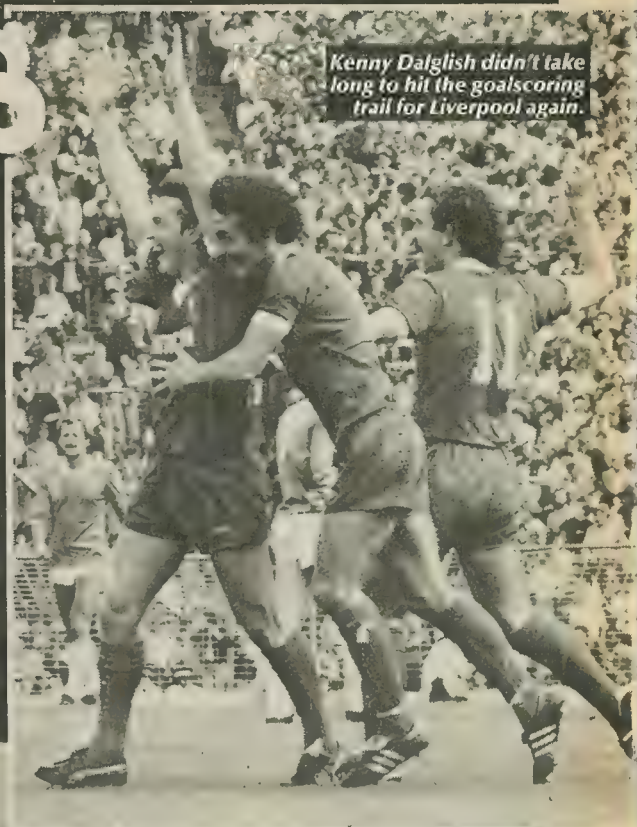
THE HEADLINERS



Graham Rix, who had a fine game for England in the 4-0 win over Norway.



Jimmy Adamson resigned as manager of Leeds after two traumatic years.



Kenny Dalglish didn't take long to hit the goalscoring trail for Liverpool again.



Second Division Reading, 11 conquerors of mighty Southampton in the League Cup.



Willie Johnston, back in Scotland with Rangers and still in trouble with the referees.

Black Saturday Shatters Wednesday

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

SHEFFIELD Wednesday's souvenir brochure printed during last season's promotion campaign proclaimed — "Eventually clubs will need to be run on private lines to bar the troublemakers."

The warning was strangely prophetic. In August, Newcastle hooligans went on a frightening rampage after the match at Wednesday's ground, and on Saturday, September 6 Wednesday's own

ute Wednesday chairman Bert McGee and his board, Jack Charlton and his players and the angry loyal supporters appear strong enough to equal the challenge.

Older supporters who can just about remember the club winning any trophy have wailed: "How much more can we be expected to stand? We've lived down the bribes scandal when three players accepted money to lose a match

and the shameful way in which Derek Dooley (who had a leg amputated when a player) was sacked as manager on a Christmas Eve ... and now this happens ..." The expressions on the faces of the younger followers says it all.

With 25,000 seats in its stadium, Wednesday can close their terraces to the hooligans as ordered by the F.A.

And the four-match ban on Wednesday supporters travelling away should also help to rid the club of these idiots.

Fortunately the one thing to give impetus to such measures is the opportunity Bert McGee, Jack Charlton and the team are now giving the real supporters to achieve a status worthy of the club's heritage. Jack bases his coaching on common sense. The supporters must bear in mind that the last thing the team wants is distraction from the terraces.

As 'keeper Bob Bolder said: "After sitting in the dressing-room during the trouble at Oldham we wondered what would greet us

when we went out again — luckily the situation had been quelled.

Captain Mike Pickering had this to say: "Psychologically it was important to persuade our minds to concentrate on other things. We were down to ten men so we had to work harder. As a team we've got to realise we are now in a larger public eye and we've got to play and act accordingly. The fans too have got to cool it ... and let the team get it right.

"We've not yet got the consistency we need to be a success. At Notts County we became too anxious to win the ball and should have sat back more. There are signs that we have got something. It's up to different people to develop those signs.

"The teams that we've played so far haven't caused us that much trouble ... we have been our own worst enemies. Away from home we are not closing people down as well as we do at Hillsborough. We are giving them time to look up and play balls through us. But we'll get it right."

The team is building up its confidence and nurturing the younger players like Mark Smith, Dave Grant and Kevin Taylor. Into the club Jack Charlton has brought the famous John Charles and Frank Blunstone to assist on the youth coaching. Terry Curran, the star of the side, has publicly promised to behave, and as a result could become an even greater personality in the game. The future, it seems, depends entirely on the discipline of the supporters.



worst element caused the game at Oldham to be held up for nearly half an hour. Their missile throwing will cost the club and its loyal supporters dearly.

The famous Wednesday club has been plunged into national limelight before it wanted it. Under Jack Charlton a golden season seemed in prospect, but the brick throwing morons with beer in their bellies and brains in their boots have tarnished the reputation of the club.

The scale of the attacks upon the police and innocent bystanders by the hooligans, called a minority but numbered in hundreds and comprising too many adults trying to act as teenagers, looks as if the tolerance by the authorities is at an end.

For years the country has waited for a joint stand by the police and football officials to rid grounds of the anti-social, anti-football thugs who scare away civilised members of the community. Now Sheffield will have to set an example to the rest of the country and the resolu-



Wednesday's Jeff King is hit by a brick thrown from the crowd at Oldham.



SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

BACK ROW (left to right): Tony Toms (trainer), Andy McCulloch, David Grant, Mark Smith, Bob Bolder, Ian Mellor, Ray Blackhall, Jeff Johnson, John Honey (physio).

FRONT ROW: Jeff King, Brian Hornsby, Terry Curran, Jack Charlton (manager), Mike Pickering, Denis Leman, Kevin Taylor.



The Royle and Doyle Show.
Norwich's Joe (left) in aerial
combat with Stoke's Mike

SHOOT!

'Not surprised if we don't go up'

ANOTHER season for West Ham in the Second Division if they again miss promotion at the end of this season? It seems almost unthinkable. The side which proudly displayed the F.A. Cup to its fans prior to the first home League game of this season and plotted an assault upon the European Cup-Winners' Cup seem to have better credentials than any other for a place in the First Division.

But skipper Billy Bonds is not so sure. "I wouldn't be surprised if we didn't go up this season, although I'd be terribly disappointed," he says. "We have no divine right to promotion."

That's Bonds' retort to those West Ham followers who view their side as certainties for elevation to Division One. The popular theory is Hammers missed out last time only because of their commitments in the F.A. Cup.

Bonds' answer to that? "Non-sense! I'm a great believer in the theory that winning matches in any competition helps a side. If you get into the habit of winning, you improve your chances of success. No one should be under the illusion that winning the Cup cost us promotion. It was our own failings in the League, nothing else."

"We made an appalling start to the season and were in the bottom four early on. That meant that when we did have a good run, it

only really took us back into the challengers. If we'd started well, that run could have put us clear at the top.

"We have been in Division Two for two years now and know as well as anyone how hard it is to get out of. Last season wasn't a disaster because we won the F.A. Cup and who can sneer at that? But promotion makes special

BILLY BONDS

demands upon sides and requires a lot of qualities."

Bonds dismisses fears that West Ham's involvement in the Cup-Winners' Cup this season may harm their League prospects. "It's a bonus all the players will enjoy," he says. "We had a terrific time in Europe in 1975-76 when we reached the Final, and we hope to gain as much success and pleasure out of it this time. It breaks up the routine of training in those winter months, if you can progress in the competition."

Bonds blames a lack of mental toughness for Hammers' failures in the past. "But last season we started to add more steel to our play," he says. "We tightened up

at the back and didn't give away the silly goals which had always been the hallmark of our play. But our usual strength, goalscoring, became a problem for the first time in years. Now, we must solve that problem to get it completely right."

Manager John Lyall paid a club record fee of £850,000 to Q.P.R. for striker Paul Goddard to remedy that problem. Much rested on Goddard's shoulders for the side's power and penetration up-front and Bonds said: "I think he can do the business for us. He looks sharp and eager and seems to be fitting in well with David Cross."

West Ham manager Lyall is convinced West Ham now possess a good enough squad to make a successful assault upon the promotion campaign. All that West Ham need is consistency in their results, a quality which has eluded them in the past.

Bonds admits: "This season will be a big test for us in so many ways. We have to go to places like Oldham, Grimsby and Cambridge and play with the same attitude as if we're at Wembley on Cup Final day. That is the only way we will win promotion and that's why you can see my thinking — no one has a divine right to promotion, including us."



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STEIN'S WORLD CUP SAVIOUR

AS a spectacle, Scotland's 1-0 World Cup triumph over Sweden in Stockholm will never be rated among the classics.

It was a solid rather than supreme display, but for Scotland manager Jock Stein it was a very special game indeed.

"There will be no hiding," he said 24 hours before the kick-off. "I have always insisted that I should be judged on the World Cup performances. Now is the time to judge me."

Stein, under fire after leading Scotland to only five victories in 17 outings, was as relieved as any Scot when Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan squeezed in the only goal of the game in Stockholm with a low shot under the diving body of Ronnie Hellstroem.

"It was vitally important that we got two points," said Stein. "You must win your home games in this tournament, but to get two points away from home is just great."

"I can't praise the players highly

enough. Gordon Strachan took his goal really well. I was pleased for him."

The obvious pressures on Stein have relented now, but he knows it will all start again on October 15 when Portugal come to Hampden on World Cup business.

But, reflecting on the Swedish triumph, Stein said: "It's tremendous to get off to such a good start. Normally I don't single out individuals, but I thought Alex McLeish and Willie Miller were superb."

'Happy'

"Willie Miller deserves extra praise for the way he played in midfield. He plays as a back-four player for Aberdeen, but he said he would be happy to play in the middle of the park while Alan Hansen indicated he would prefer to play in defence."

"That was why we played that way. I thought Willie did really

well, but, on the night, there were a lot of good players."

Stein, though, knows there are still problems to be sorted out in the side. The Andy Gray-Kenny Dalglish partnership didn't really click against the Swedes although it is fair to say that they were both heavily marked.

John Robertson rarely looked the touchline menace he can be with Nottingham Forest and the Scots fans will be hoping to see him at his best against the Portuguese.

Scotland's victory in Stockholm just about kills off Sweden's hopes of reaching Spain in two years' time, but their manager Lars Arnesson still has time to praise the Scots.

"Their player Strachan took the goal extremely well," he says. "It is some consolation when you lose to a goal like that."

"The result, however, was a tragedy for us. We are under an awful lot of pressure now in our

group."

Northern Ireland and Israel are also in the five-team group and Irish boss Billy Bingham was in Stockholm to watch the Scots triumph.

"Scotland certainly deserved to win," observed Bingham. "The Swedes had the best of the first half hour, but the longer the game went on, the better the Scots became."

"I think Sweden are finished in the section. They have dropped three out of four points at home and they play us in Belfast next. I can't see them getting through."

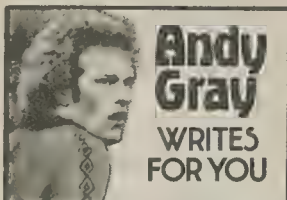
So, the problems of being an international boss have shifted from Jock Stein's shoulders for the time being.

But, as he says, he will be right in line to be judged on October 15 when Portugal provide the opposition in another tense World Cup evening.

It just could be the start of a Scotland revival.

Gordon Strachan races clear of the Swedish defence to net the only goal of the game in Stockholm.





'THE WIN WE

NATURALLY I was delighted by Scotland's 1-0 win over Sweden in our opening 1982 World Cup qualifier. What pleased me as much as anything was that our performance was as professional as we could have wished.

That may sound strange . . . 'professional' . . . after all, we're all professionals, being paid to play. What I mean is that playing Sweden in Stockholm is the kind of game Scotland have lost so often. We had to battle for 90 minutes to overcome them and did just about everything as we'd planned.

It wasn't the best of games to watch, but entertainment came below getting a good result on our priority list. We decided to give nothing away in the first 20 minutes, preferring to win the match in the last quarter, rather than the first.

We shut up shop and having stifled the Swedes' early efforts, they didn't look like scoring after that.

For one reason or another the Scotland team has been constantly changed recently, so it was understandable that in the early stages we were almost getting to know each other . . . putting our game together.

After we'd found a pattern we achieved a level of team-work rarely seen by a Scotland side. Take John Robertson, for instance. Robbo had

what may have appeared a poor game; in fact, he sacrificed any personal glory for the sake of the team, working like a beaver in a more defensive role than usual.

Our best players, though, were probably centre-backs Alan Hansen and Alex McLeish, who gave the Swedish forwards nothing. Alan's



qualities are well-known, but I was very impressed by young Alex.

Last season the Aberdeen star played in midfield. He's now moved to the back four and my opinion is that this is his best position — he looked a quality defender in Stockholm.

Jock Stein and Jim McLean were delighted afterwards. They came round the dressing-room shaking our hands and offering congratulations. Let's be honest: in view of Scotland's dreadful away record a draw was the best we could have hoped for, so to win was a real confidence booster.

Opinions

Having said that, we are not suddenly a great team. Such sides aren't made overnight and our victory in Sweden will count for nothing in our next game, against Portugal.

Football tends to be a game of instant opinions. Teams become 'tremendous' or 'awful' almost alternately. I'm sure many of Scotland's fans will have booked their holidays for the summer of 1982 in Spain on the strength of our result in Stockholm.

What did we do against Sweden that we hadn't previously done? In the past, I feel Scotland have had too many big name players and not enough team work. It may be ironic that the side which won the other week contained some less fashion-

able players, but the team effort was 100 per cent. The experience is still there. Alan Rough, Danny McGrain, Archie Gemmill . . . plus the likes of Frankie Gray, Alan Hansen and John Robertson who know all about European Cup football. Full marks, though, to Gordon Strachan, Alex McLeish and Willie Miller for their contribution.

I was happy with my own performance, although we should have been awarded a penalty when I was blatantly pushed. Robbo sent over a centre and I was rushing in to meet it. The ball had 'goal' written all over it . . . until I felt a shove in the back and landed face first on the ground.

I wasn't too upset and I was certain I'd get up to see the Austrian referee pointing to the penalty spot. I couldn't believe it when he waved play on. He was a homer all right, because at times the Swedes kicked lumps out of us.

Before the game I thought back to the last World Cup qualifying tie I played, which was in Czechoslovakia. I got involved in a scuffle with their captain, Ondrus, and was rightly sent-off. I received a three-match ban which ruled me out of the rest of the qualifying ties and ultimately the '78 Finals, because I'd dropped out of the international scene.

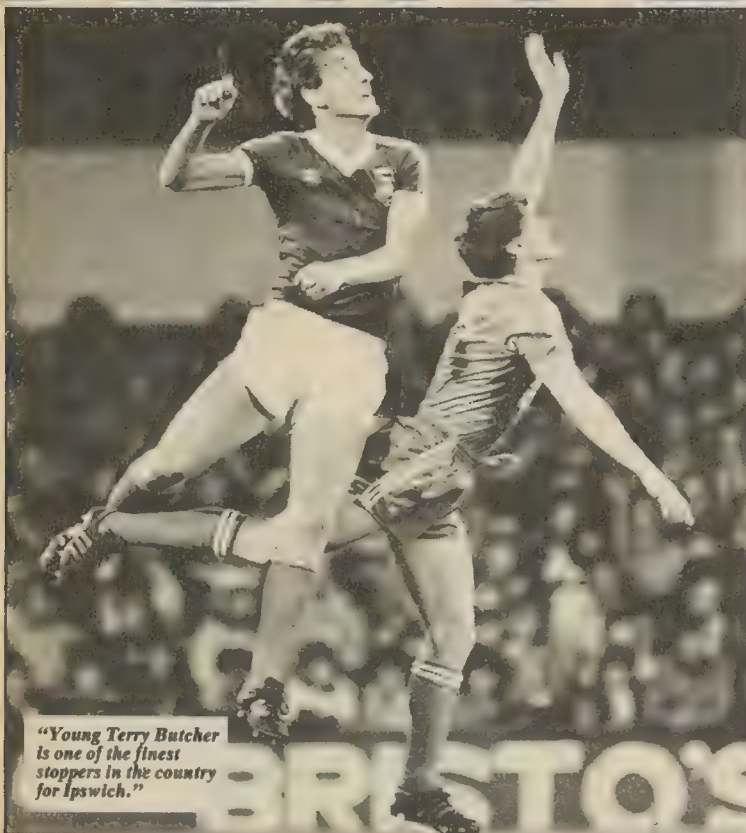
I said then that I owed Scotland a lot for that and I hope I can play my part in helping the side qualify for Spain in two years time.

Sweden? A young team in the



"Scotland gave nothing away, and the Swedish team became disheartened by our solid defence and virtually gave up trying to score against us after the first 20 minutes."

DIDN'T EXPECT'



"Young Terry Butcher is one of the finest stoppers in the country for Ipswich."

process of rebuilding with none of the familiar names, except goalkeeper Ronnie Hellstroem. Having drawn with Israel and lost to us at home, they are all but out of the reckoning. If you accept that Israel won't qualify, that means it's two from three: Scotland, Portugal and Northern Ireland.

Portugal won't have forgotten how easily we beat them 4-1 at Hampden last spring when we meet next month. Let me put it this way: if we'd lost 4-1 to them, it would be on our minds!

It was a great night for the home countries, with England and the Republic of Ireland also winning qualifying ties. The good publicity was welcome after the riots of the previous weekend.

Mind you, I don't go along with the gloom-mongers. Football is as entertaining now as it has been since I've played. The problem with falling gates is a real one, but in this instance soccer is suffering from the general recession throughout the country.

It's a working-class sport, basically, and a lot of people aren't working. I salute Coventry's idea of offering admission for 50p to the unemployed. It isn't cheap to watch football and any scheme to help the fans must be good for the game.

This Saturday (September 27th) we face Ipswich at Molineux. We won 3-0 in the corresponding game last season, although I was still an Aston Villa player at the time.

I wondered whether Town could continue their fantastic run of last season this time round. You all know the answer. If anyone can take Liverpool's crown, it's them.

The two Dutch lads, Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen, give them so much variation. They also produce the unexpected, that little bit of magic that wins games.

Ipswich's finishing power equals any of their rivals. At the back, Terry Butcher and Russell Osman are a fine pair of stoppers who are very hard to play against.

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'I must do better,' says Leicester's Alan Young

ALAN YOUNG, the man whose goals blasted Leicester City to the Second Division Championship, admits that he has been a disappointment so far in his first spell in Division One.

The big striker who was on the verge of the full Scottish team at the end of last season has not found goals as easy to come by this time round, and is determined to put an end to his barren spell.

Leicester managed to score in just two of their first eight games of the season, and Young did not score in either of them.

"Goals hide a lot of mistakes, and when you are not scoring regularly those mistakes stare you right in the face," Young confesses.

"Obviously it is worrying for me, because it is my job to score those goals, which I'm not doing at the moment. I just can't put my finger on what is going wrong. I am playing the same but just don't seem to be getting into the right place at the right time.

"But somebody is about to feel the backlash very shortly. One of our forthcoming opponents are going to be hammered.

"We are a relatively inexperienced side in that we have a lot of youngsters in the team, and that hasn't really helped. But these lads are amazingly quick to learn, and we are already a better team than the one which started the season."

Leicester manager Jock Wallace and his coaching staff have not been slow to spot the team's early

deficiencies, and Young admits that the players are being

"bombarded with information," at present.

Yet despite Leicester's indifferent start to the season, Young does not feel that they have anything to worry about if first impressions are anything to go by.

"Our first game against Ipswich was a bit of an eye opener," Young continues. "Perhaps we froze a little, but I was quite impressed by them. After that game, which we lost by the only goal, I was worried what lay in store for us. But since then I haven't been particularly impressed by anybody, including Liverpool.

"Only Manchester United have really thrashed us. All our other defeats have been by the odd goal, and we can only get better as the season progresses. We are learning with every game, and the pleasing thing is that nobody is getting despondent with the way results have gone so far. After a defeat, the lads can't wait for the next game."

So how does Young feel when he hears the pundits tipping City for an early return to the Second Division?

"I don't take any notice of that sort of talk," he says. "Come back to me at Christmas, and then we can start to assess how the season is really going. It is ridiculous to start tipping teams for success or failure after only a handful of games.

'Respect'

"It has always been my greatest ambition to play in the First Division. I could have joined a top side straight from Oldham, but I chose Leicester because I had a great deal of respect for the manager, already knew a lot of their players and felt sure that they could gain promotion.

"I played my way into the First Division rather than signing my way there, and I am proud of that fact. But I have been rather disappointed with the general air of apathy at some of these grounds where I have always dreamed of playing.

"There is a huge drop in attendances, and the only way we can start to attract the fans back is by going for more goals. I know that I can score in the First Division, but at the moment it is just not the same Alan Young as this time last year.

"I got into the Scotland squad a couple of times because I was scoring a lot of goals and helping to make Leicester a successful team. When that happens again this season, I am going to get good publicity and maybe earn a recall to the international scene.

"I know I am good enough for the First Division and for Scotland. Now it is just a case of proving that to others."



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

WORLD CUP

England, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland were involved in World Cup qualifying games recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

1. England started off in fine style with a 4-0 win against Norway at Wembley. Which player made his full debut for Ron Greenwood's side?
2. Who was fouled in the penalty-area to enable Terry McDermott to score England's third goal from the spot?
3. Scotland gained a 1-0 victory against Sweden. Who scored their winning goal?
4. Was the game played at Hampden Park or in Stockholm?
5. Did Liam Brady (below), David O'Leary or Gerry Daly skipper the Republic of Ireland to their tremendous 2-1 victory against Holland?



TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Eamonn Collins became the youngest player ever to turn out for an English League club when, at the age of 14, he appeared as a substitute for Blackpool against Kilmarnock in an Anglo/Scottish Cup-tie at Bloomfield Road recently.
2. Darlington play their home League games at Belle Vue.
3. After five League games, Celtic were top of the Scottish Premier Division on goal difference from rivals Rangers.
4. Bob Lord is manager of Fourth Division Hereford United.
5. Heart of Midlothian have been Scottish Champions on four occasions.

PAST STARS...

1. Former Leeds United midfield general Johnny Giles represented the Republic of Ireland side 40, 50 or 60 times?

2. Can you name the England star who is the most capped player at both Leicester City and Stoke City with 36 and 37 appearances respectively?



3. Did Mike Trebilcock, Derek Temple or Brian Harris (above) score Everton's winning goal in their 3-2 victory against Sheffield Wednesday in the 1966 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley?
4. Brentford manager Fred Calaghan spent his entire Football League career with which London club?
5. How many times did Stanley Matthews win the Footballer of the Year award?

...AND PRESENT

1. West Bromwich Albion's Brendon Batson began his League career with which club?
2. Manchester United defender Kevin Moran is an international player with Northern or the Republic of Ireland?
3. Andy King was transferred recently from Everton to which club for around £400,000?
4. Justin Fashanu, Clive Woods or Joe Royle scored Norwich City's first hat-trick of the season on the opening day against Stoke City?
5. Sunderland's Bryan Robson (below) has played for three League clubs. Sunderland and West Ham are two... can you name the other?



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TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 11 past and present Manchester United players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. See how many you can spot.

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

- ACROSS:**— (2) Scout. (4) McDermott. (8) Rule. (9) Eric. (11) Bones. (14) Dynamo. (15) Parkes. (17) Garry. (20) Eves. (22) June. (23) Brentford. (27) Goble.
- DOWN:**— (1) Moor. (2) Sud. (3) Two. (4) Malta. (5) Echo. (6) Mike. (7) Tar. (8) Royle. (10) Crewe. (11) Bog (head). (12) Nor(way). (13) Spy. (16) Round. (18) Alan (Ball). (19) Roof. (21) Ebb. (24) Egg (last letter of each club). (25) Tabs. (26) One.

ANSWERS

WORLD CUP 1. Eric Gates of Ipswich. 2. Paul Mariner. 3. Gordon Strachan. 4. Stockholm. 5. Brady.
TRUE OR FALSE 1. True. 2. False — they play at Feethams. 3. False — Aberdeen were top. 4. False — Frank Lord and not Bob.
PAST PLAYERS 1. 60. 2. Gordon Banks. 3. Temple. 4. Fulham. 5. is boss. 6. True.
AND PRESENT 1. Arsenal. 2. The Republic of Ireland. 3. Queens Park Rangers. 4. Fashanu. 5. Newcastle United.
TRACE-A TEAM Stephen, Buchan, Greenhoff, McQueen, Macari, Thomas, McIlroy, Coppell, Pearson, McCreery, Jordan.

FOUR years ago Gordon Smith's ability as a footballer earned him the princely sum of £26 a week. Now, the elegant Brighton star has hit soccer's big-time.

As a part-time player with Scottish club Kilmarnock his wages, after deductions, amounted to little more than just pocket money. He played because he enjoyed it and he had a secure office job in

Smith, however, was sufficiently impressed with ambitious Brighton, and in particular manager Mullery, to agree to a move that cost the South Coast club a record fee of £400,000.

For Mullery it was the end of a 12-month chase for Smith's signature after first being attracted to him when Brighton travelled North in the summer of 1979 to compete

FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Glasgow that provided his main source of income.

He burst on to the English scene as the new season got under way, claiming more than his fair share of attention thanks to a good scoring record in the opening games. But there was a time when he didn't fancy becoming a member of the growing Anglo/Scottish club.

The ink was barely dry on a new five-year contract with Rangers, the club who paid £65,000 to make him a full-time player North of the border, than he was heading South for transfer talks with Brighton boss Alan Mullery.

"It all happened right out of the blue," he says, "and I reckon I must have been in a state of shock when Rangers first told me they were prepared to let me go. I felt settled there and my first reaction was one of bitter disappointment."

in a four-club tournament hosted by Rangers.

Eventually his persistence paid off when the Ibrox boss, John Greig, agreed to sell Smith in an effort to raise the cash needed to strengthen his squad after a season that had seen Rangers fail to land a major trophy.

Now Smith says: "I suppose I should really thank Rangers for making this possible. The English First Division is the ultimate test for any player because there are 42 games, none of them are easy and the overall standard is extremely high.

"Brighton might not be one of the biggest clubs at the moment but there's an atmosphere around

Gordon Smith (dark shirt) beats Mark Kendall for his second goal of the game in Brighton's 2-2 draw at Tottenham.



the place that tells me there are good times ahead. A lot has been achieved in a short space of time but everyone at the club is hungry for success.

"Believe me, Brighton are going to become a real force in the First Division over the next few years. Our aim is to win one of the big prizes to put ourselves on the map and I think we've proved so far this season that we are capable of doing it."

Smith is not the sort of player it

is easy to categorise. He operates from midfield but he is neither a schemer nor a ball winner. His strength is running off the ball and getting into the box where his finishing can be as deadly as any £1 million striker.

But his style, he feels, is unlikely to gain him that elusive first Scottish cap. Current boss Jock Stein did cap him at Under-23 level a few years ago, but Smith is not optimistic about his chances of picking up full international honours.

"With the World Cup programme now under way it would be a good time to break through to the squad," he says, "but I don't think the system is geared to cope with a player like myself.

"I'll be quite happy just to keep my place at Brighton. That's my top priority and if I do get the chance to play for Scotland I'll regard it as something of a bonus. But for the time being I want to help this club become a force in the First Division.

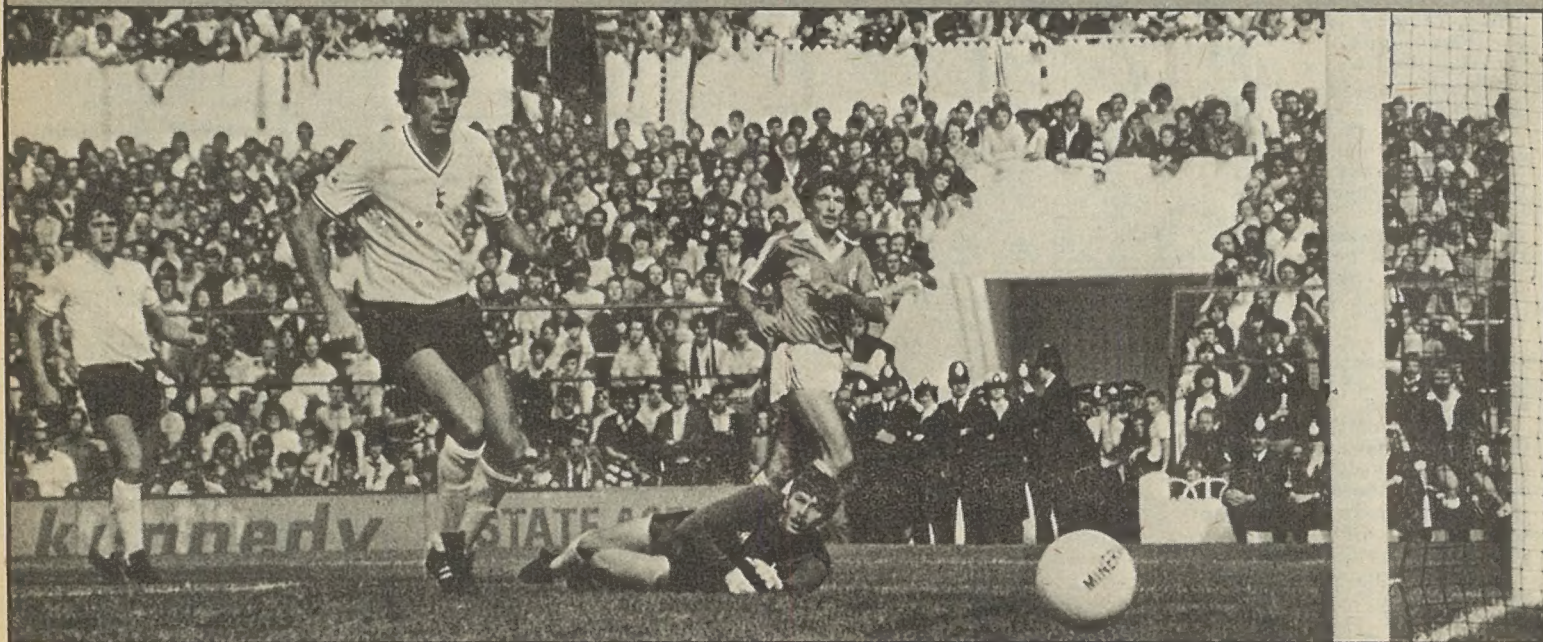
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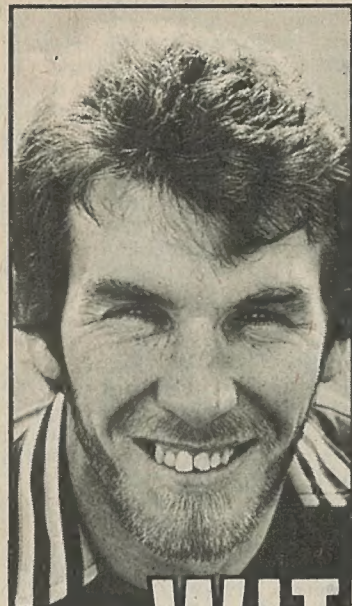
"When I was with Rangers, every game was like a Cup-tie. The Scottish Premier Division is very competitive with just ten clubs meeting each other four times a season and I think I've proved I can last the pace okay."

Smith is 25 and has committed himself to a four-year contract at Brighton. "I didn't want it to run past my 30th birthday," he laughs, "because that's a very dangerous age for a footballer.

"I think managers are wary of players who are 30 so I'm glad that when my contract expires I'll be 29. Then I'll make the big decision about what to do with the rest of my career, although I'd probably be happy to stay at Brighton if they still wanted me."

If Smith can retain his talent for finding the net The Seagulls of Brighton could well be flying higher than ever over the next four years!





"I scored three in our pre-season build-up matches and grabbed Villa's opening League goal of the season in a 2-1 win over Leeds at Elland Road. So I made a good start.

"I should have added to my opening tally in our home game against Norwich, but I was unlucky.

"Being a midfield player breaking wide I don't really class myself as a forward. Nevertheless, it's a pleasure to play in the same team as our new strike-force of Peter Withe and Gary Shaw.

"Peter Withe is so unselfish. Even if he's having a bad time and things are not going well for me, he'll never hide and always make himself available.

"Gary Shaw is exactly the same. You can give him the ball and know for a fact that you'll get it back if you are in space.



WITHE and SHAW make Morley so happy

A CHANGE of role and a change of fortune — that is Tony Morley's optimistic aim for Aston Villa this season.

"I just hope that I can start showing the form of two years ago," he says. "I know that I can."

Morley, 24, arrived at Villa Park from Burnley in June, 1979, in a deal costing £225,000.

"I was bought as a winger," he says. "My job at Turf Moor was simply to stay out wide and provide crosses.

"But at Villa the boss, Ron Saunders, wanted me to play a more active part in midfield. This meant dropping back when we were forced on the defensive and breaking out to give width to the team when we attacked.

"I had to learn to adapt, which was not easy. I spent 20 games in the reserves acclimatising myself to the demands of the club. However, I played 17 League and Cup games, finding the net on three occasions."

Morley, born in Ormskirk, started his career with Preston before moving to Burnley for £100,000 in 1976.

"I played for the England Youth team about nine times and I'm also an England Under-23 international," he says. "My main asset is my speed and I try to use it to my advantage, but my real strength lies in making goals.

"But Ron Saunders has told me that I possess two good feet and, if the occasion arises, then my orders are to cut inside and have a shot.



"Peter has a lot more skill than people realise. He's a character as well. He takes the pressure off the rest of the lads. He's a great target man.

"Running off the ball, creating space for others and making himself available. To me that's the sign of a good centre-forward.

"Gary Shaw is a talented player. It's as simple as that. He's always likely to score. He's that type of footballer.

"In midfield we have the forward running of Dennis Mortimer and the outstanding skills of Gordon Cowans. Then there's Des Bremner, who I rate highly. He's the unsung hero.

"I'm sure the spectators must be shattered just watching Des. He never stops working. One minute he's in defence helping out and then he's buzzing in the middle of the park or having a shot at goal.

"We've a first team pool of 20 players now and the competition is fierce. If the manager wanted to, he could field two completely different sides.

"If you struggle for a few games, then you're out. And it's up to you to fight back.

"The players realise the potential is there for Aston Villa to inscribe our illustrious name on a trophy this season.

"We've a very strong squad, but we need luck. We're all keeping our fingers crossed. In fact, just hoping that the balance of the ball will run our way this season.

"The rest is up to us.

We know we are capable of winning something this season, but we cannot afford to slip up as we did against Everton recently.

"But despite that result, we have made a good start to the season, and if we can consistently get the right results we can do more.

"Ron Saunders has created a young and attack-minded team, and with the general decline in attendances throughout the country our attacking potential is exactly what is needed to get the fans back through the turnstiles.

"Aston Villa are a team of the present as well as the future. We can win something this season."

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Docherty speaks with typically forthright tones, on the Allen/Goddard transfers. "West Ham have got the better buy of the two," he says firmly. "Goddard is a better all round player than Clive will ever be. Paul scored two goals for the Under 21's recently.

"He is a better team player and

'Goddard better than Allen'

YOU CAN'T keep Tommy Docherty out of the news. In a summer dominated by athletics and cricket, with only the European Championship Finals on the footballing front, Docherty was twice involved in major headlines.

Forget or ignore The Doc and you do so at your peril! 'Docherty sacked by Q.P.R.' ran the early summer headlines, until Tommy forced his way back into the job. And, for an end of summer story, how about Docherty's extraordinary dealings in the transfer market, culminating in £2m worth of business for Q.P.R.?

Docherty and his chairman Jim Gregory ran into some heavy criticism for their decision to sell the Rangers strikeforce from last season. Clive Allen went to Arsenal for £1.5 million and Paul Goddard to West Ham for £850,000. It left Rangers with a bulging bank account, but a sizeable hole in their attack. Now Mick Walsh has gone to F.C. Porto for £170,000.

Docherty in bother? No way. The Doc pulled a traditionally classic stroke by pitching an unknown 17-year-old into Rangers first home game of the season, against Bristol Rovers. Wayne Fereday was known to hardly anyone until he'd scored two goals against Rovers in a 4-0 win. It was pure Docherty magic. From a desperate position, he's found another hand of aces to win the trick.

will become a superb footballer. Clive will do ever so well and score goals, but I'm not sure he'll go as far as an all-round player as Paul."

And what of the kid Docherty found to replace his big money transfers? "Wayne has more skill and he's certainly quicker than Clive," says Docherty. "I don't want to give him a brick to wear around his neck by saying he's another Clive Allen. Right now, he has got assets Allen hasn't.

"I rate young Fereday highly. I'd back my judgment in saying he could be better than both Allen and Goddard."

Typical Docherty. But who can argue with the man who brought two unknown youngsters through to senior football and then sold them for a cool £2m? Docherty defends the deal like this: "It was terrific business for the club.

"We paid £750,000 for a new stand at one end of the ground making it seating around three-quarters of the ground. We paid that off and had £1.25m left through the sale of the two players. In my book, that's terrific business and good news for the future of Q.P.R. Football Club.

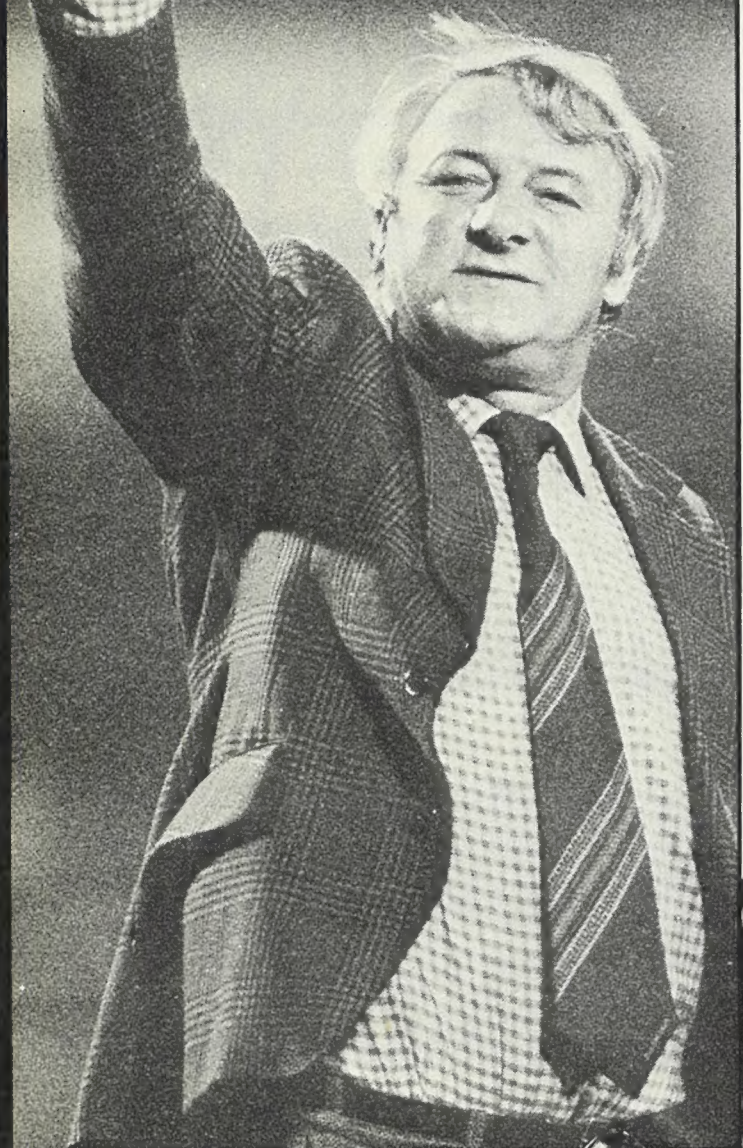
'Stronger'

"People say we've weakened the team. I disagree. Selling Allen and Goddard has done nothing to our chances of promotion. We are a stronger side all round and are creating chances. Tony Currie has solved his domestic problems and has started well, and we have Tommy Langley, young but experienced, from Chelsea. Why are we weak?"

Docherty says his defence is the cornerstone of his bid for promotion to Division One. "Defenders like Steve Wicks, Ian Gillard, Glenn Roeder, David McCreery and Bob Hazell are highly experienced and we have a superb prospect in goalkeeper Chris Woods. That's a heck of a good base on which to build a promotion side. They've all got experience of First Division football, apart from Woods, but he's played in a Wembley Cup Final."

The main job facing Docherty this season will be to knit together his young side of undoubted promise. "We can keep this side together now and bring in other promising youngsters ... the Allens and Goddards of tomorrow, if you like.

"I miss the atmosphere of the First Division and I'm as keen as anyone to get back there. When you go away and play in front of crowds of 7,000 that's a hell of an incentive to win promotion back to Division One."



Paul Goddard (centre, left) and Clive Allen (right) were both sold by Tommy Docherty during the summer, bringing in £2,000,000 for the Queens Park Rangers manager.

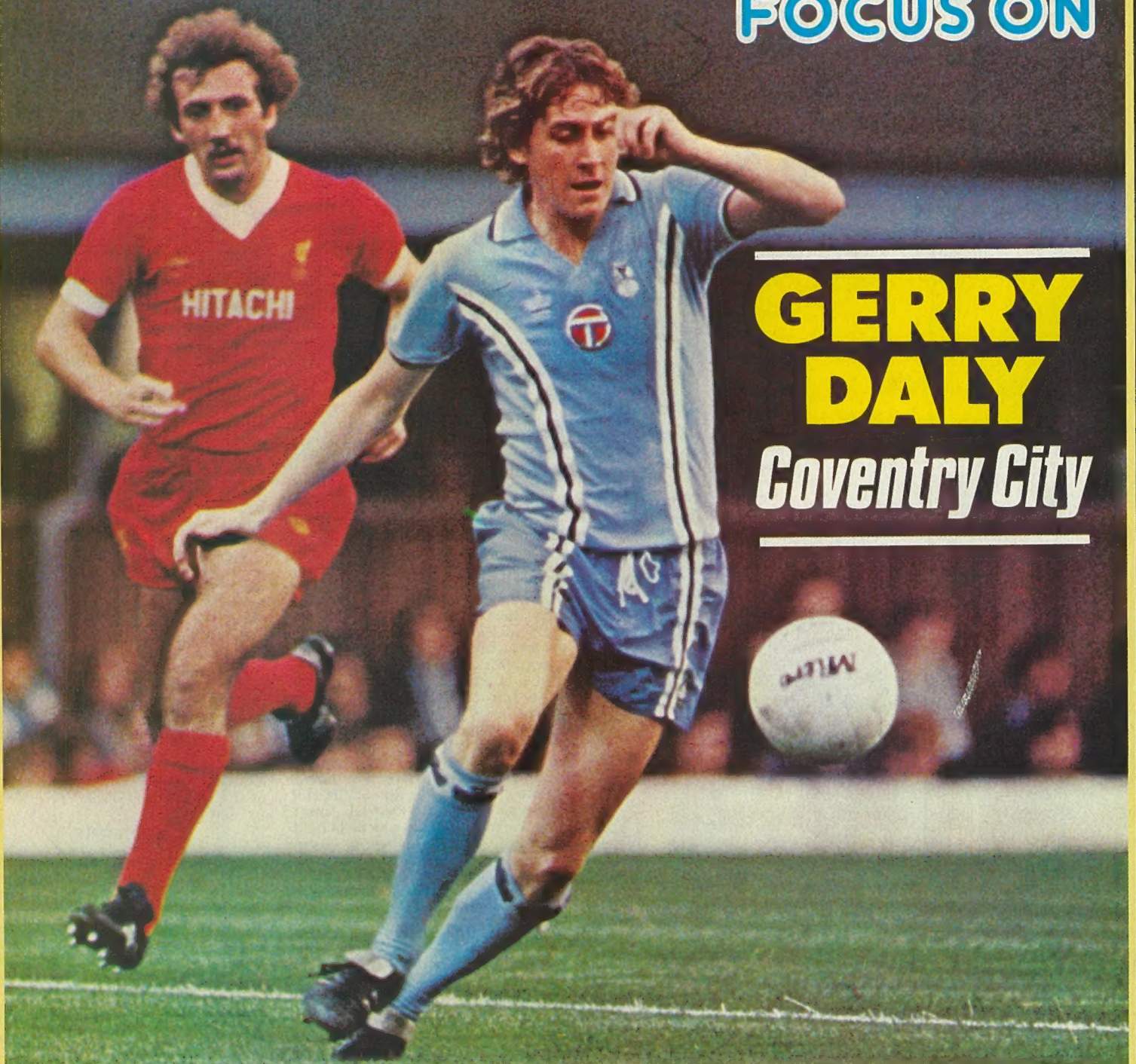


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GERRY DALY

Coventry City



FULL NAME: Gerry Daly
BIRTHPLACE: Dublin
BIRTHDATE: April 30, 1954
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11 stone
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Manchester United, Derby County
MARRIED: To Sheila
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Talbot Solara
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Colin Todd
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Andy Blair
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Golf
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All are difficult

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1976 F.A. Cup Final
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the above game 1-0
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Manchester United
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Steak and coke
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Horse racing/Bad manners
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Barbados
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Benny Hill and Joanna Lumley
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Golf
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Joe Dolan and Michael Jackson
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Meal with wife then watch the football on TV

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Kevin Healey in Ireland — a man of great intelligence and patience with young players
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 24 full caps for the Republic of Ireland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy in life and football
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Probably expand my business in Manchester
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pope John Paul

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